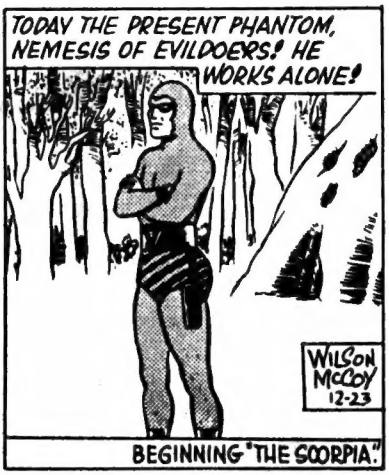

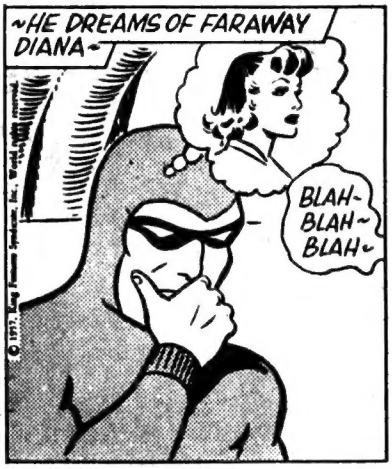

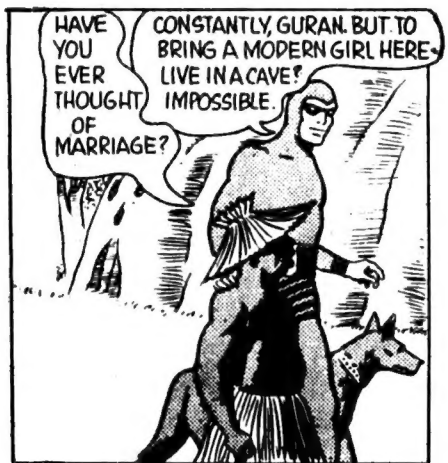

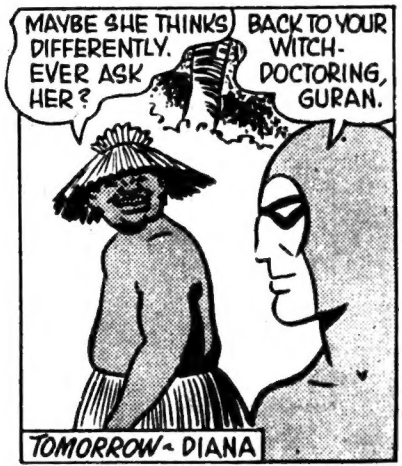

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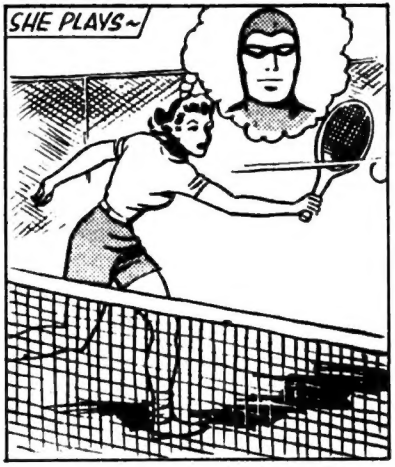
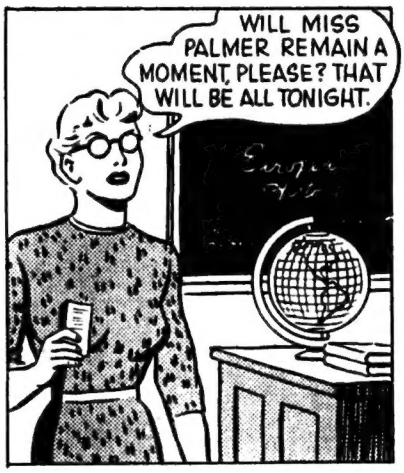
WHAT DOES A GIRL LIKE DIANA DO WHEN IN LOVE WITH A PHANTOM 6,000 MILES AWAY? SHE READS~
WILSON McCOY 12-26

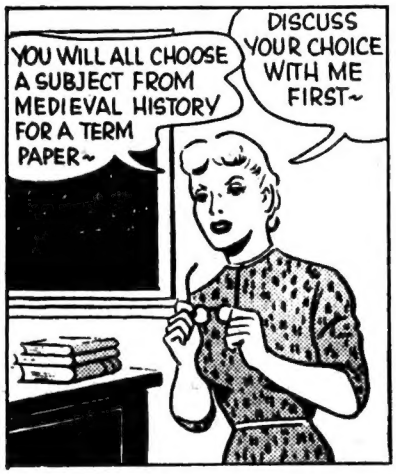

SHE PLAYS~

SHE DATES AND IS BORED~
BLAH~BLAH BLAH?
YES~I MEAN, NO~

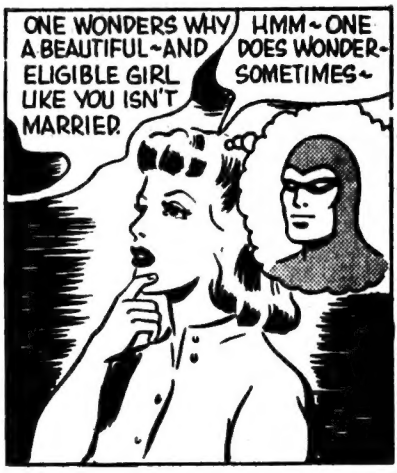
SHE MAY EVEN TAKE NIGHT COURSES AT COLLEGE~WHICH STARTS THE TROUBLE FOR DIANA!


WILL MISS PALMER REMAIN A MOMENT, PLEASE? THAT WILL BE ALL TONIGHT.

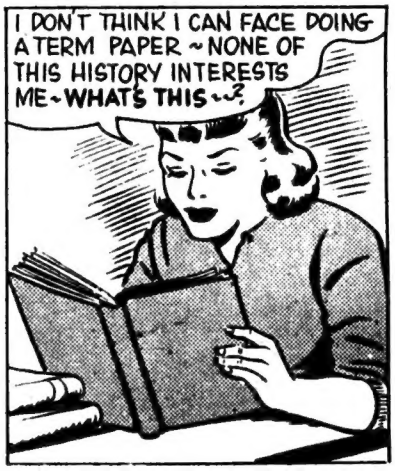
I NOTICED YOUR NAME ON THE REGISTER. AREN'T YOU DIANA PALMER THE EXPLORER?
YES~MISS WELCH.

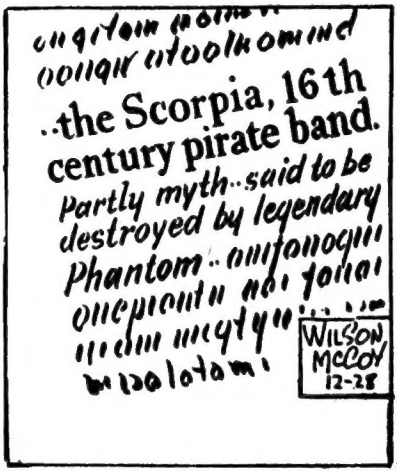

YOU WILL ALL CHOOSE A SUBJECT FROM MEDIEVAL HISTORY FOR A TERM PAPER~
DISCUSS YOUR CHOICE WITH ME FIRST~

DOESN'T SCHOOL SEEM TAME TO YOU AFTER YOUR OLYMPIC SWIMMING~YOUR TRAVELS?
NO, I FIND IT EXCITING.
WILSON McCOY 12-27


ONE WONDERS WHY A BEAUTIFUL~AND ELIGIBLE GIRL LIKE YOU ISN'T MARRIED.
HMM~ONE DOES WONDER~SOMETIMES~

HARD TO CONCENTRATE ON HISTORY~MAYBE GOING TO NIGHT SCHOOL'S A MISTAKE~TRAVEL INSTEAD~


I DON'T THINK I CAN FACE DOING A TERM PAPER~NONE OF THIS HISTORY INTERESTS ME~WHAT'S THIS~?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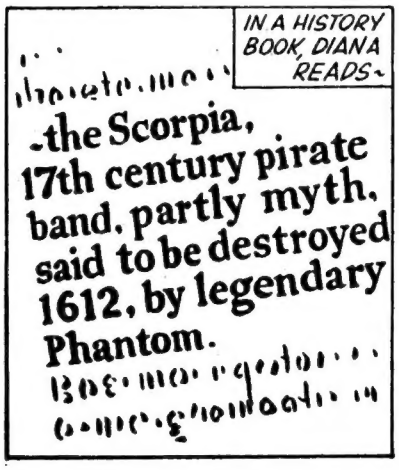
Partly myth..said to be destroyed by legendary Phantom..
WILSON McCOY 12-28


IN A HISTORY BOOK, DIANA READS-
-the Scorpia, 17th century pirate band, partly myth, said to be destroyed 1612, by legendary Phantom.

THE SCORPIA? OH, YES. OBSCURE PIRATE BAND. YOU MIGHT FIND A MORE INTERESTING TOPIC FOR A TERM PAPER, MISS PALMER.

BUT THE PHANTOM DESTROYED THIS BAND IN 1612-I MEAN, THE PHANTOM'S ANCESTOR- NOT MY PHANTOM-
YOUR PHANTOM?

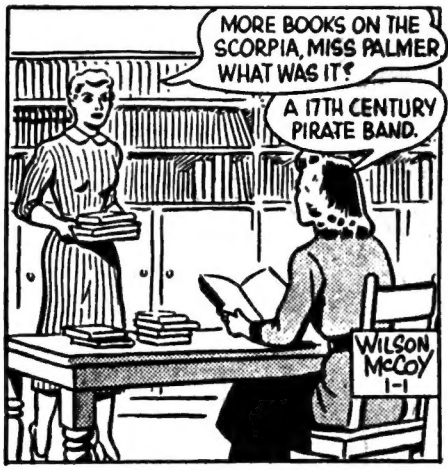
NO-NO-I MEAN- I THINK IT'S ALL SO INTERESTING-
WILSON McCOY 12-30
?
TOMORROW: RESEARCH

DIANA, IT'S TWO! HAVEN'T YOU STUDIED LATE ENOUGH?
I'LL GO TO BED SOON, MAMA. THIS IS SO FASCINATING!

"TRADITION STATES LEGENDARY PHANTOM KILLED SCORPIA PIRATE LEADER, 1612--"

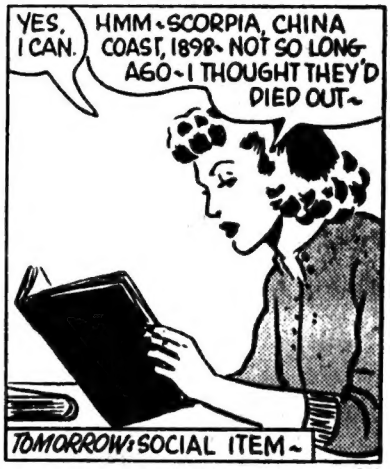
"THEN BLEW UP POWDER MAGAZINE, DESTROYING STRONG-HOLD. OF COURSE, THE PHANTOM DID NOT REALLY LIVE"

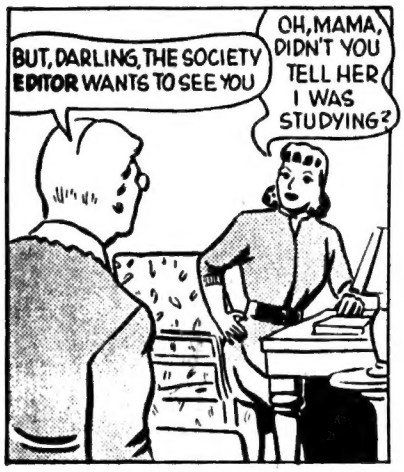
HOW LITTLE THEY KNOW! THAT WAS THE FIRST PHANTOM- ANCESTOR OF MY- MY PHANTOM--
WILSON McCOY 12-31
TOMORROW- MORE RESEARCH ON SCORPIA


MORE BOOKS ON THE SCORPIA, MISS PALMER WHAT WAS IT?
A 17TH CENTURY PIRATE BAND.
WILSON McCOY 1-1

Scorpia, partially destroyed 1612--
Scorpia reappears 1713-East Africa--
--1818, Scorpia, near Suez
??

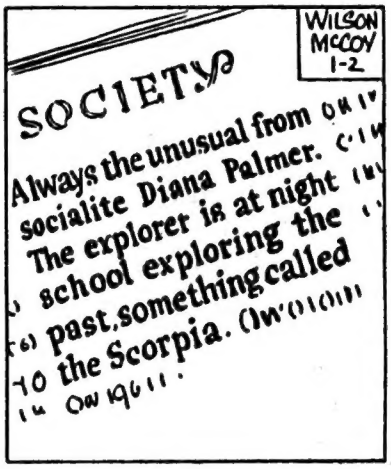
IF THAT'S JIMMY, TELL HIM I'M NOT DATING--TOO BUSY--
DIANA, YOU CAN'T STAY HOME AND STUDY ALL THE TIME!


YES, I CAN.
HMM-SCORPIA, CHINA COAST, 1898- NOT SO LONG AGO-I THOUGHT THEY'D DIED OUT-
TOMORROW: SOCIAL ITEM-

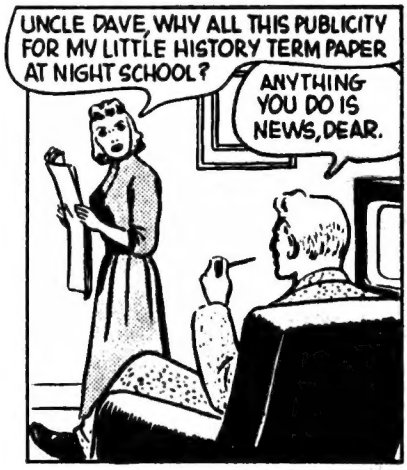

BUT, DARLING, THE SOCIETY EDITOR WANTS TO SEE YOU
OH, MAMA, DIDN'T YOU TELL HER I WAS STUDYING?

I HEAR YOU'VE TAKEN UP NIGHT SCHOOL! HOW ORIGINAL! HOW CHIC! IT'S THE TALK OF OUR SET. WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING?

I'M TRACING A PIRATE BAND FROM THE MIDDLE AGES, CALLED THE SCORPIA~
IMAGINE!

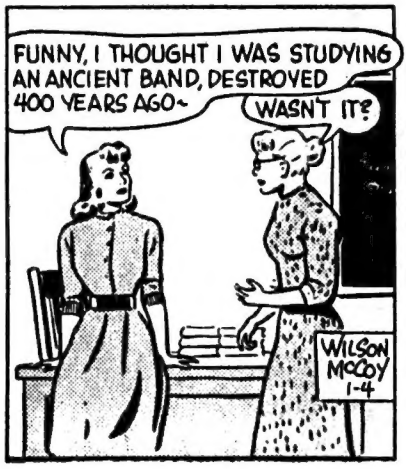

WILSON McCOY 1-2
SOCIETY
Always the unusual from socialite Diana Palmer. The explorer is at night school exploring the past, something called the Scorpia.

Around Town
Lovely Diana Palmer the explorer has a new hobby, tracing the history of an ancient pirate band, the Scorpia. Meanwhile her beaux fret


UNCLE DAVE, WHY ALL THIS PUBLICITY FOR MY LITTLE HISTORY TERM PAPER AT NIGHT SCHOOL?
ANYTHING YOU DO IS NEWS, DEAR.

WELL! FIRST TIME ANYONE IN MY CLASS HAD HER RESEARCH IN A SOCIAL COLUMN!
ISN'T IT SILLY?

SEE THAT?~ANOTHER ITEM~ANOTHER MENTION.
WILSON McCOY 1-3
YEAH.

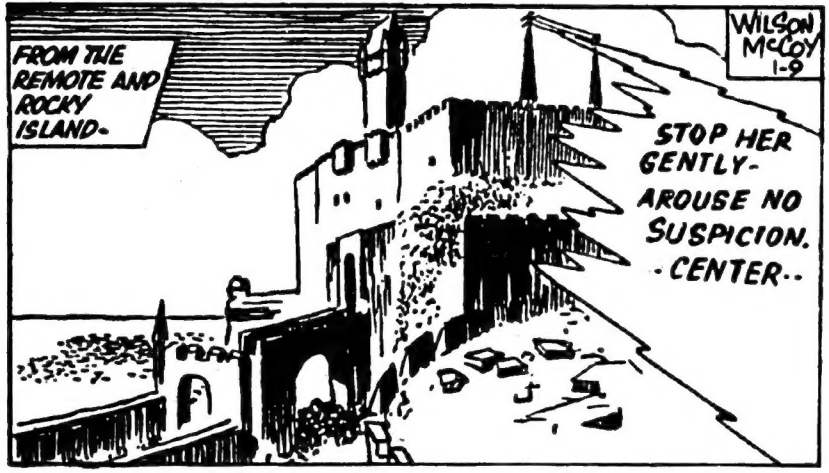

FUNNY, I THOUGHT I WAS STUDYING AN ANCIENT BAND, DESTROYED 400 YEARS AGO~
WASN'T IT?
WILSON McCOY 1-4

NO, I KEEP FINDING REFERENCES TO THE SCORPIA, ALMOST UP TO MODERN TIMES~ COULD IT STILL EXIST?
PIRATES? REALLY!

Social Jottings
Local wolves fretting. Lovely Diana Palmer serious about her research on the Scorpia (whatever that is), refusing all dates

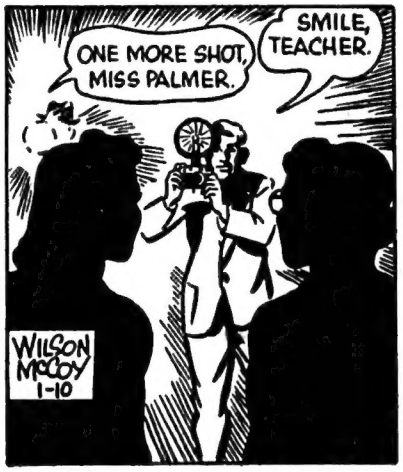
ANOTHER MENTION. THIS COULD BE SERIOUS~~
WHAT IS THIS?
NOT YET~ SIT TIGHT~
CONT'D.

MISS PALMER, THIS IS TV'S HOBBY TIME CALLING. WE UNDERSTAND YOU'RE DOING RESEARCH ON AN INTERESTING SUBJECT~ ANCIENT PIRATES.
~THE KIND OF HOBBY WE FEATURE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO APPEAR ON THIS PROGRAM?
ER~IF YOU WISH~
WILSON McCOY 1-6
HOW SILLY! A LITTLE SCHOOL-TERM PAPER. WHY SHOULD THEY CARE?
DARLING, FACE IT~YOU RE A FAMOUS GIRL. WHAT YOU DO IS NEWS.
NOW SHE'S ON TELEVISION!
WE'LL WATCH!
On TV's Hobby Time tonight
DIANA PALMER, explorer,
Her hobby 'The Scorpia
MISS PALMER, YOU'RE KNOWN AS AN OLYMPIC SWIMMING CHAMPION, AN EXPLORER. IS HISTORY YOUR HOBBY?
ER~ IT'S THIS TERM PAPER~
HOBBY TIME
~FOR MY NIGHT COURSE, AS A SUBJECT I CHOSE AN ANCIENT PIRATE BAND CALLED THE SCORPIA, DATING FROM THE 16TH CENTURY~
WILSON McCOY 1-7
I THOUGHT IT WAS ANCIENT~ BUT I'VE TRACED THE SCORPIA ALMOST UP TO MODERN TIMES~
MODERN PIRATES STILL EXIST? (HA-HA)
IN PARTIAL RUINS ON A REMOTE, ROCKY ISLAND.
I HARDLY THINK SO~ BUT I'VE NOT ENDED MY RESEARCH.
SEND A MESSAGE FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO CENTER!
WHAT'S ALL THIS?
WHAT IT SAYS, SIR. A GIRL STUDENT DOING RESEARCH ON SCORPIA
WILSON McCOY 1-8
IT SAYS SHE'S TRYING TO TRACE IT TO MODERN TIMES
JUST A STUDENT~ NOT THE POLICE~
HOWEVER~FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES ~IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS
INSTRUCT THEM TO STOP HER, GENTLY AT FIRST~


FROM THE REMOTE AND ROCKY ISLAND-
WILSON McCOY 1-9
STOP HER GENTLY- AROUSE NO SUSPICION. -CENTER--

HUH! HOW CAN WE STOP HER 'GENTLY' WITHOUT SUSPICION?
THE MAIN THING IS- STOP HER. SHE MIGHT BLUNDER INTO US!

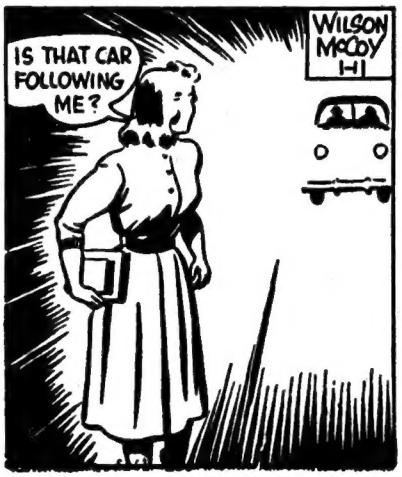
WANT ME TO DRIVE YOU TO SCHOOL, DIANA?
NO, THANKS. I'LL WALK, UNCLE DAVE.


ONE MORE SHOT, MISS PALMER.
SMILE, TEACHER.
WILSON McCOY 1-10

I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS- MY LITTLE TERM PAPER-
DARLING, YOU'VE HAD MORE PUBLICITY THAN A NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

I FEEL LIKE GIVING UP MY RESEARCH ON THAT SILLY PIRATE BAND- THE SCORPIA-
DON'T. IT'S FUN FOR YOU.

IT'S GOOD PUBLICITY FOR THE SCHOOL. TAKING A CAB?
NO, I WANT TO WALK. GOOD NIGHT, MISS WELCH.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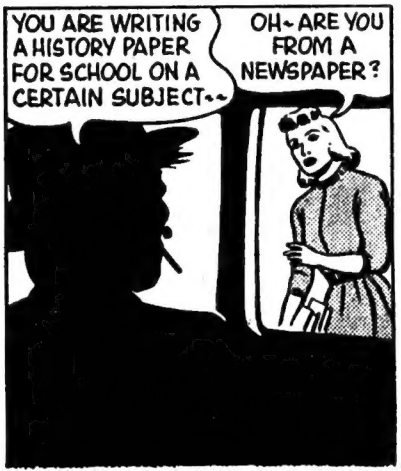
IS THAT CAR FOLLOWING ME?

MISS PALMER?
ER- YES.


YOU ARE WRITING A HISTORY PAPER FOR SCHOOL ON A CERTAIN SUBJECT--
OH- ARE YOU FROM A NEWSPAPER?

GET A NEW SUBJECT. DROP SCORPIA!
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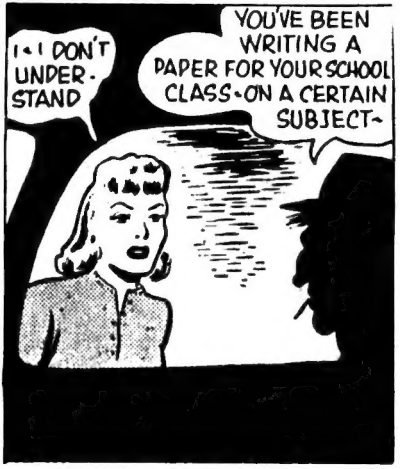

I-I DON'T UNDER-STAND
YOU'VE BEEN WRITING A PAPER FOR YOUR SCHOOL CLASS-ON A CERTAIN SUBJECT-

RESEARCH ON AN ANCIENT PIRATE BAND. THE SCORPIA-
SSH-FROM NOW ON YOU DON'T EVEN SPEAK THAT WORD!

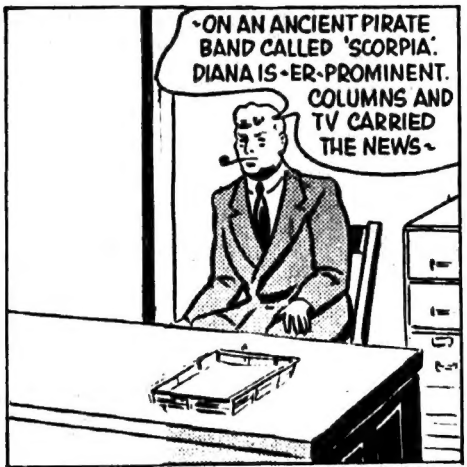
FORGET ALL ABOUT IT! FIRST AND LAST WARNING, DIANA PALMER!
WILSON McCOY 1-13

TWO MEN IN A CAR STOPPED ME-SAID I WAS TO FORGET ALL ABOUT MY RESEARCH SUBJECT-SCORPIA-!
WHY SHOULD ANYONE CARE ABOUT 17TH CENTURY PIRATES? YOU'VE HAD PUBLICITY. MAYBE THEY WERE JUST CRANKS WE'LL GO TO THE POLICE
WILSON McCOY 1-14

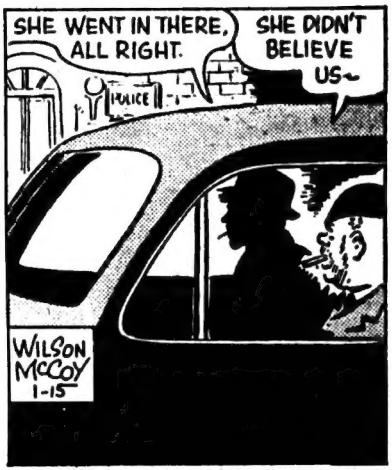
WE'VE WARNED THE GIRL, SIR
HMM-I'VE A REPORT ON HER-EXPLORER ATHLETE. FLIER--

SHE MAY NOT SCARE OFF EASILY. NOW THAT SHE'S CURIOUS, WATCH HER EVERY MOVE.

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT YOUR NIECE, DAVE?
I'VE BEEN DOING A PAPER FOR MY HISTORY COURSE AT NIGHT SCHOOL-


-ON AN ANCIENT PIRATE BAND CALLED 'SCORPIA'. DIANA IS-ER-PROMINENT. COLUMNS AND TV CARRIED THE NEWS-

TWO MEN STOPPED HER LAST NIGHT-WARNED HER TO DROP THE SUBJECT- A 17TH CENTURY BAND!
SCORPIA?


SHE WENT IN THERE, ALL RIGHT.
SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE US-
POLICE
WILSON McCOY 1-15

HOW CAN THE POLICE BE CONCERNED WITH A 17TH CENTURY PIRATE BAND?
I'VE TRACED THE SCORPIA TO WITHIN 50 YEARS AGO.

THE NAME MEANS NOTHING TO ME. I'LL SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING IN OUR FILES
WILSON McCOY 1-16

WE'VE NOTHING ON 'SCORPIA'~ THOSE MEN MUST'VE BEEN CRANKS WHO READ ABOUT YOU IN THE PAPER.

HE WASN'T MUCH HELP.
WHAT COULD HE DO? MAYBE HE WAS RIGHT. JUST CRANKS~~
POLICE

ON THE REMOTE ISLAND~
SHE IGNORED THE WARNING~ WENT TO THE POLICE.
SHE MAY BE TROUBLE. INSTALL A HOUSE CHECK.

YES?
FROM THE PHONE COMPANY. YEARLY WIRE CHECK-UP, MA'M.

ISN'T THIS SOMETHING NEW?
NO, MA'M. BEEN DOING IT FOR YEARS. FREE SERVICE

DIANA, FORGET THIS SCORPIA BUSINESS. IF THERE'S ANYTHING TO IT~ IT MAY BE DANGEROUS!
I MUST FIND OUT!
WILSON McCOY 1-17

HELLO, MAMA. HAVE A BUSY DAY?
YES. A PHONE MAN WAS HERE. THOUGHT HE'D NEVER GO. LAUNDRESS~ UPHOLSTERER~ EVERYTHING!
WILSON McCOY 1-18

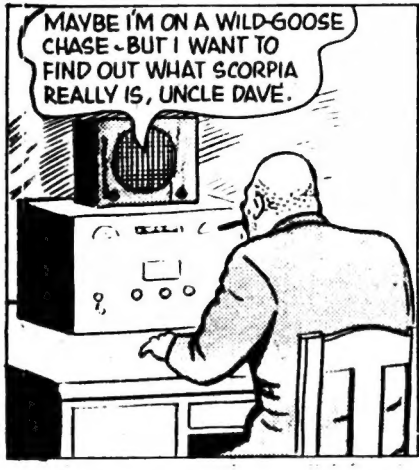
GOING OUT TONIGHT?
JUST TO THE LIBRARY.

OKAY, YOU CAN LISTEN IN NOW. I'VE GOT A MICROPHONE IN EVERY ROOM IN THE HOUSE.

DEAR, WHY DON'T YOU FORGET THAT SCORPIA NONSENSE?
NOT UNTIL I FIND IT IS NONSENSE. MAMA.

LISTENING DEVICES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN DIANA PALMER'S HOUSE, SIR.
ON A REMOTE ISLAND~ KEEP ME INFORMED.
WILSON McCOY 1-20

THE MORE I THINK ABOUT THAT SCORPIA BUSINESS, THE MORE IT BAFFLES ME.
ME TOO, UNCLE DAVE.

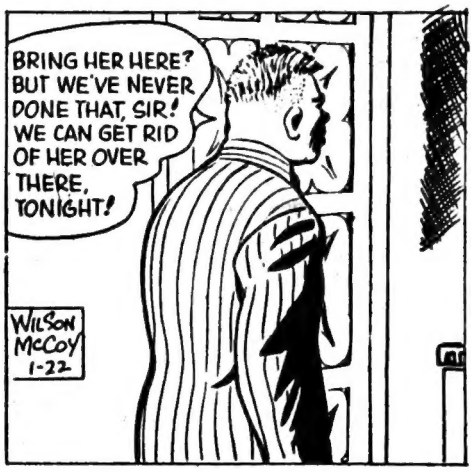

MAYBE I'M ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE~BUT I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT SCORPIA REALLY IS, UNCLE DAVE.

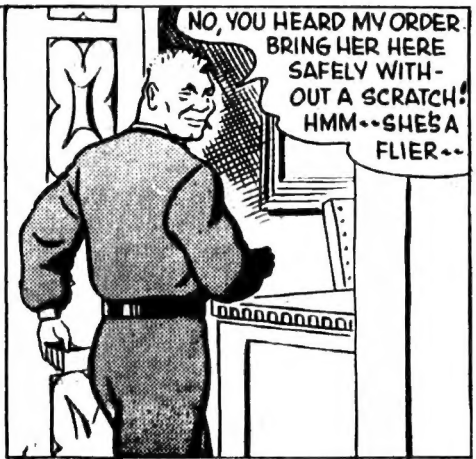
WELL, THAT'S IT~ INFORM CENTER.

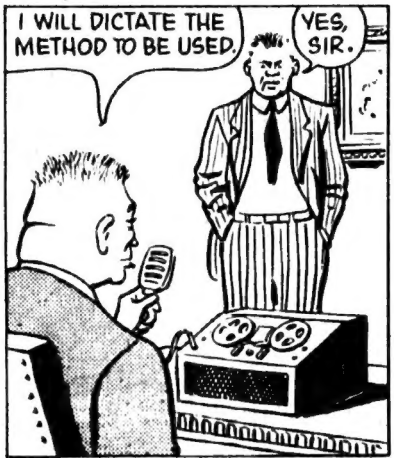
DIANA PALMER PERSISTS IN HER EFFORTS TO FIND OUT WHAT SCORPIA IS?
YES, SIR. SHALL I WIRE THE USUAL? BY TONIGHT SHE WILL HAVE DISAPPEARED QUIETLY!
WILSON McCOY 1-21

THIS IS HER PICTURE~I HAVE HER BIOGRAPHY~ATHLETE, EXPLORER~BEAUTIFUL~

COURAGE~SHE DOESN'T SCARE EASILY. MOST UNUSUAL. BRING HER HERE.
HERE? BUT, SIR~


BRING HER HERE? BUT WE'VE NEVER DONE THAT, SIR! WE CAN GET RID OF HER OVER THERE, TONIGHT!
WILSON McCOY 1-22


NO, YOU HEARD MY ORDER. BRING HER HERE SAFELY WITHOUT A SCRATCH! HMM--SHE'S A FLIER--


I WILL DICTATE THE METHOD TO BE USED.
YES, SIR.

BRAINS~BREEDING~COURAGE~I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME~FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU, MISS DIANA PALMER.
WHO IS THIS?

NOT THE LIBRARY AGAIN, DIANA.
I'M GETTING DISCOURAGED~ I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING MORE ON SCORPIA~

MAYBE THERE ISN'T ANYTHING ELSE TO FIND~MAYBE IT'S ALL MY IMAGINATION~

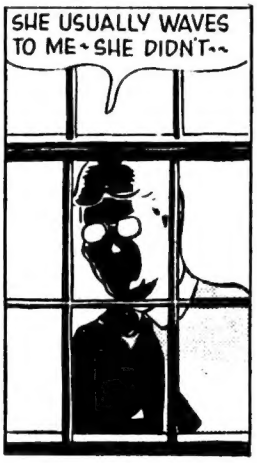
~A WILD-GOOSE CHASE. WISH HE WERE HERE~ HE'D KNOW~

STEP IN, MISS PALMER
!
WILSON McCOY 1-23

OBEY ME~ YOU WON'T BE HURT.
YOU ARE THE MAN WHO STOPPED ME ON THE STREET~SCORPIA!

NO QUESTIONS~ DRIVE~

WILSON McCOY 1-24


SHE USUALLY WAVES TO ME~SHE DIDN'T~~

ARE YOU OF THE SCORPIA? DOES THAT PIRATE BAND STARTED IN THE 17 TH CENTURY STILL EXIST?

NO QUESTIONS. JUST DRIVE.
GUN AT HER BACK, AND SHE ASKS ME HISTORY QUESTIONS! QUITE A GIRL.

FOLLOW THIS ROAD TO THE BEACH, MISS PALMER.
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
WILSON McCOY 1-25

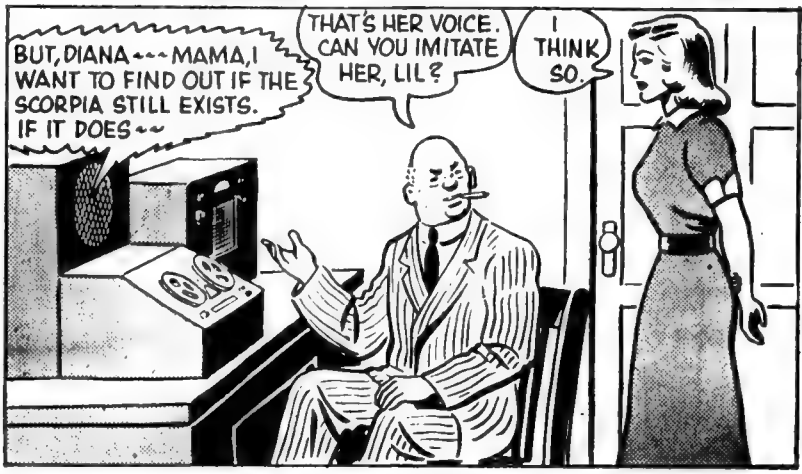
?
TO THE CENTER

STOP HERE, MISS PALMER.

YOU - CAN'T DO THIS! I'LL BE MISSED -
NO, YOU WON'T BE MISSED.

DO NOT BE ALARMED, MISS PALMER. OUR ORDERS ARE TO TREAT YOU GENTLY.
THAT'S SWEET OF YOU!

WE'RE FLYING! WHY - WHERE?
YOU'LL FIND OUT.
WILSON McCOY 1-27


BUT, DIANA - - - MAMA, I WANT TO FIND OUT IF THE SCORPIA STILL EXISTS. IF IT DOES - -
THAT'S HER VOICE. CAN YOU IMITATE HER, LIL?
I THINK SO.

WHO? OH, DIANA, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOUR VOICE.
MUST BE A BAD CONNECTION. I WON'T BE HOME FOR LUNCH, MAMA -

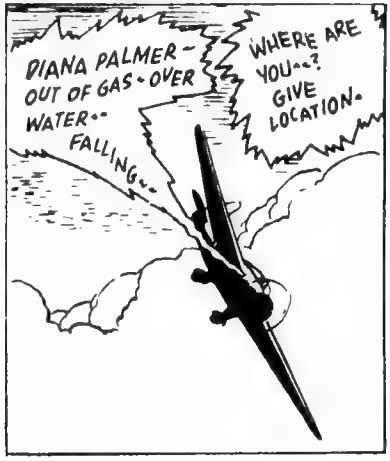
- I'M GOING TO DO A LITTLE FLYING.
DO BE CAREFUL, DEAR.
WILSON McCOY 1-28

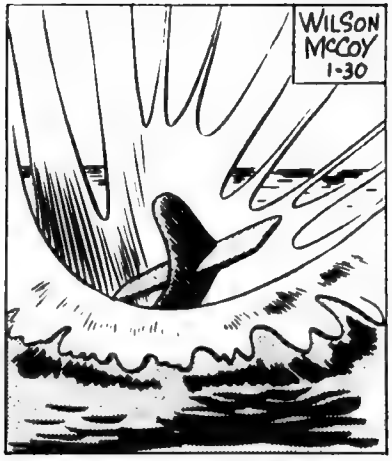
I'M DIANA PALMER - WE PHONED FOR A PLANE. IS IT READY?
ALL SET.

WAS THAT DIANA PALMER? WISH I HAD A GOOD LOOK AT HER.
FIRST TIME I SAW HER - ONE OF THE BEST WOMEN FLIERS GOING.

DIANA PALMER CALLING FIELD - OVER WATER - OUT OF GAS - OUT OF GAS -
WILSON McCOY 1-29

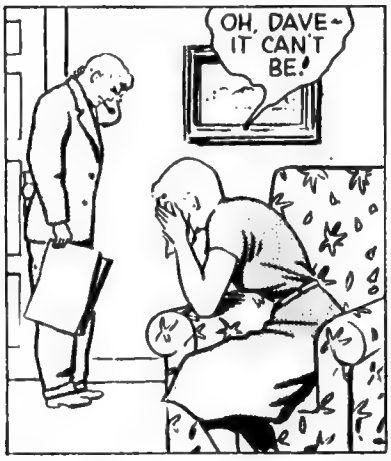
- OUT OF GAS - OVER WATER - FALLING - OVER - -
MISS PALMER - WHERE ARE YOU?
OUT OF GAS? I FILLED IT, MYSELF!


DIANA PALMER - OUT OF GAS - OVER WATER-- FALLING--
WHERE ARE YOU--? GIVE LOCATION.


WILSON McCOY 1-30

BULL'S-EYE, LIL!
PULL ME OUT! THIS WATER'S COLD!

Newspaper
DIANA PALMER LOST AT SEA
FAMED FLIER, EXPLORER, ATHLETE, HEARD CALLING AS PLANE FALLS--


OH, DAVE - IT CAN'T BE!

GOOD JOB, LIL!
NO MORE LIKE THAT FOR ME! TOO RISKY!

WHY DO YOU SAY I WON'T BE MISSED?
YOU JUST WON'T BE MISSED, MISS PALMER.
WILSON McCOY 1-31

BAD NEWS TRAVELS FAST-EVEN HALFWAY 'ROUND THE EARTH--

DIANA PALMER..... LOST AT SEA.....
WILSON McCOY 2-1

DIANA PALMER LOST AT SEA.... DIANA PALMER LOST AT SEA... DIANA PALMER LOST

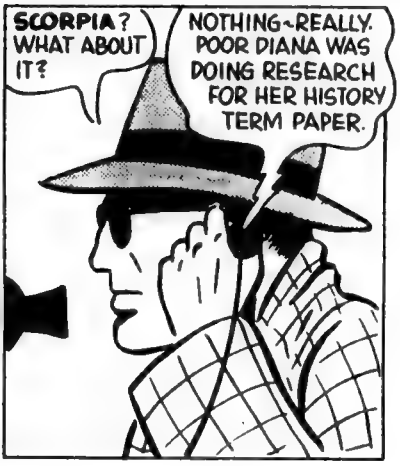
WE HEARD THE SAD NEWS, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
TAKE CARE OF HERO AND DEVIL--

I WISH TO PUT IN AN OVERSEAS CALL TO AMERICA-
7
8
WILSON McCOY 2-3

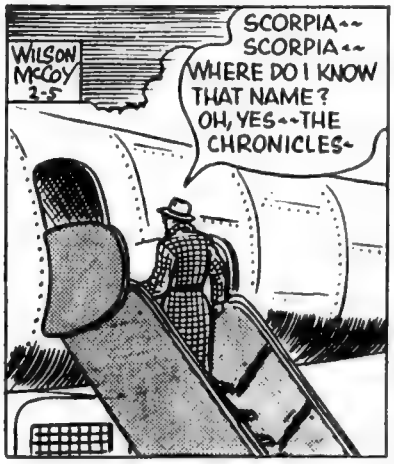
BENGALI-TOWN CALLING COLONEL DAVE PALMER.
SPEAKING.
BENGALI! HE KNOWS ABOUT DIANA-

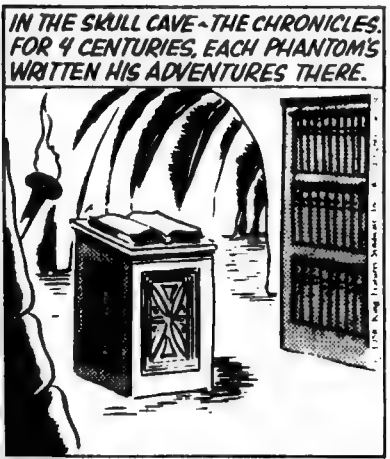
DAVE-IS IT TRUE-DIANA LOST AT SEA? ANY TRACE-?
DIVERS FOUND THE PLANE-NO TRACE OF HER-

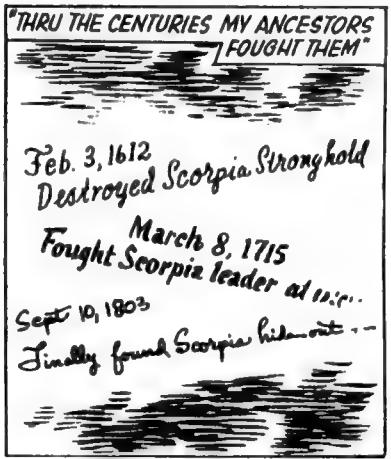
TERRIBLE ACCIDENT ?
MAYBE-I'VE NO PROOF-COULD BE SABOTAGE. SHE WAS THREATENED-SOMETHING CALLED SCORPIA


SCORPIA? WHAT ABOUT IT?
NOTHING-REALLY. POOR DIANA WAS DOING RESEARCH FOR HER HISTORY TERM PAPER.

HUNG UP-SAID HE'D GET HERE AT ONCE-! TRAVEL SIX THOUSAND MILES? TOO LATE-
WILSON McCOY 2-4


WILSON McCOY 2-5
SCORPIA-- SCORPIA-- WHERE DO I KNOW THAT NAME? OH, YES--THE CHRONICLES-


IN THE SKULL CAVE-THE CHRONICLES. FOR 4 CENTURIES, EACH PHANTOM'S WRITTEN HIS ADVENTURES THERE.


"THRU THE CENTURIES MY ANCESTORS FOUGHT THEM"
Feb. 3, 1612
Destroyed Scorpia Stronghold
March 8, 1715
Fought Scorpia leader at
Sept 10, 1803
Finally found Scorpia hideout

I THOUGHT THAT PIRATE GANG WAS DEAD AND GONE-
DID POOR DIANA IN HER INNOCENT RESEARCH-STUMBLE ONTO SOMETHING?

I CAN TELL YOU NOW, MISS PALMER. A WOMAN USING YOUR NAME RENTED A PLANE. THEN RADIOED SHE WAS FALLING~

INTO THE SEA. ACTUALLY SHE PARACHUTED DOWN. WE PICKED HER UP. AS FAR AS THE WORLD KNOWS. SHE~ YOU ARE GONE!

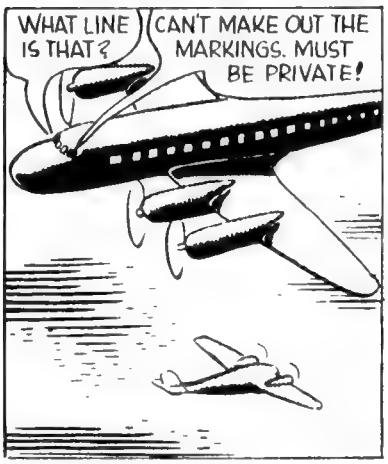
POOR MAMA! THINKS I'M~ WHY DID YOU DO SUCH A THING?
YOU IGNORED OUR WARNING!
WILSON McCOY 2-6

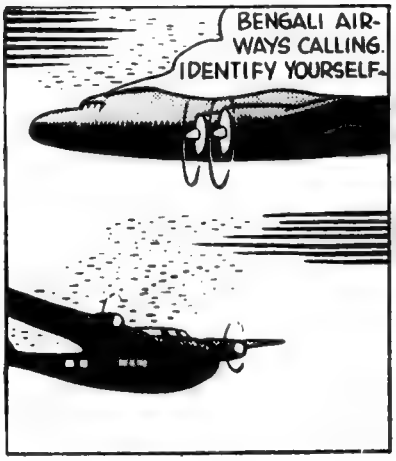
YOU ARE THE SCORPIA!
A TINY PART OF IT.

ON AN EAST-BOUND PLANE
MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT~ AFTER 400 YEARS, THE SCORPIA PIRATES STILL EXIST!
SOMEWHAT CHANGED, BUT YES.

PLANE APPROACHING FROM EAST~
LOOKS LIKE BENGALI WORLD AIR-WAYS~
WILSON McCOY 2-7

ON THE WEST-BOUND PLANE~
COULD DIANA HAVE LEARNED SCORPIA STILL EXISTS~? OH, MAYBE IT WAS AN ACCIDENT~~


WHAT LINE IS THAT?
CAN'T MAKE OUT THE MARKINGS. MUST BE PRIVATE!


BENGALI AIR-WAYS CALLING. IDENTIFY YOURSELF~

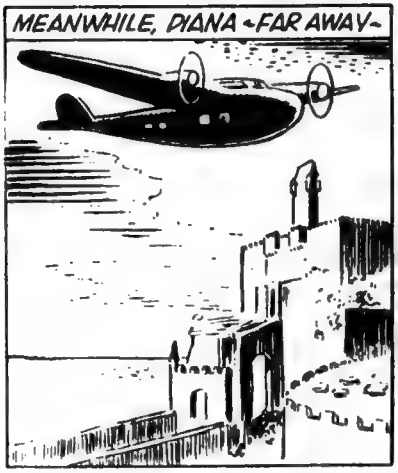
NO ANSWER~ MAYBE THEIR RADIO'S ON THE BLINK~
MUST BE A PRIVATE PLANE~ BIG FOR ONE~
WILSON McCOY 2-8

IF ONLY I COULD REACH THEM IN THAT PLANE ~SO NEAR~ YET SO FAR~

UNUSUAL TO PASS A PLANE AT SEA~ ER~ WOULD YOU CARE TO REMOVE YOUR HAT?
NO, THANK YOU.

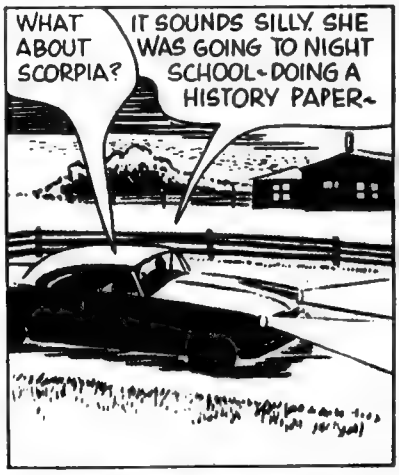
YOU CAME QUICKLY.
FAST AS I COULD, DAVE HOW IS DIANA'S MOTHER?
WILSON McCOY 2-10

STILL IN SHOCK. IT WAS GOOD OF YOU TO COME.
I WANT TO HEAR THE WHOLE STORY. GIVE ME EVERY DETAIL


MEANWHILE, DIANA FAR AWAY.

WHAT IS SCORPIA?
WE'RE LANDING! WHAT IS THAT?
YOU WERE CURIOUS ABOUT SCORPIA. YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE CENTER.

WILSON McCOY 2-11
DIANA PHONED SHE WAS FLYING. LILY SAID HER VOICE WAS ODD. NEXT THING WE KNEW... THE RADIO NEWS. "LOST AT SEA".


WHAT ABOUT SCORPIA?
IT SOUNDS SILLY. SHE WAS GOING TO NIGHT SCHOOL. DOING A HISTORY PAPER.

WHY DID SHE CHOOSE AN ANCIENT PIRATE BAND TO WRITE ABOUT?
HERE'S THE STRANGE PART. SHE GOT INTERESTED BECAUSE SHE READ.

.THAT THE PHANTOM, YOUR ANCESTOR, HAD PARTIALLY DESTROYED SCORPIA IN 1612.
STRANGE AND SAD.

"DIANA SAID SHE'D BEEN THREATENED BY STRANGERS"
FORGET SCORPIA

"WE WENT TO THE POLICE"
WE'VE NO RECORD OF ANYTHING CALLED SCORPIA IN OUR FILES.
WILSON McCOY 2-12

THEN. LOST AT SEA. IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN ACCIDENT. OR SCORPIA. IF IT EXISTS.
LET ME SEE HER HISTORY NOTES

TOMORROW: DETECTIVE WORK

FROM HER NOTES, YOU THINK SCORPIA STILL EXISTS?
POSSIBLY. I MUST LEARN MORE. I'LL GO TO THE AIRPORT~
WILSON McCOY 2-13

FRIEND OF MISS PALMER'S? GOSH, TERRIBLE WHAT HAPPENED TO HER~
YOU SERVICED THE PLANE~ WAS THE GAS TANK FULL?

YES ~ HOW COULD SHE RUN OUT? ~ MAYBE A LEAK. COURSE, I'D NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE~KNEW HER REPUTATION AS A FLIER~

~SHE DIDN'T LOOK THE SAME AS HER PICTURES IN THE PAPER
NO? HOW DO YOU MEAN?

SHE LOOKED SO MUCH YOUNGER AND PRETTIER IN HER PICTURES~~ DIFFERENT~
I DIDN'T GET A GOOD LOOK SHE WORE SUN GLASSES~ STRANGE, ON A CLOUDY DAY. CAN STILL SEE HER IN HER BLACK BERET~
?
WILSON McCOY 2-14

DAVE, I DON'T RECALL DIANA EVER WORE A BERET~
DON'T THINK SHE OWNED ONE. WHY?

I DON'T WANT TO RAISE YOUR HOPES TOO MUCH. I'M MAKING A LONG GUESS THAT DIANA IS ALIVE.
!

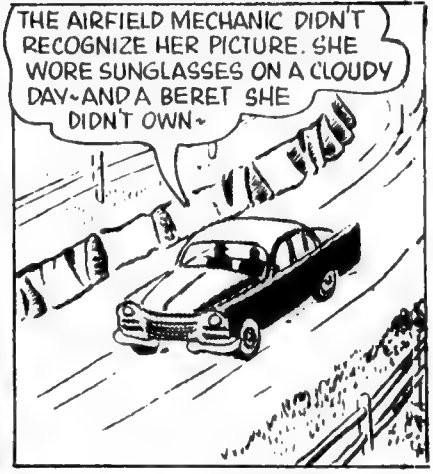
DIANA ALIVE? HOW CAN YOU THINK THAT?
A HUNCH LET ME THINK THIS THRU.

WHERE ARE WE? NEAR WEST AFRICA?
NOT A BAD GUESS.

WHAT ARE THOSE RUINS?
I TOLD YOU~ THE CENTER.

EVEN PRETTIER THAN HER PICTURES!
WILSON McCOY 2-15

YOU THINK DIANA IS ALIVE?
A CHANCE. THERE WAS HER UNEXPECTED CALL SAYING SHE WAS GOING FLYING~HER VOICE WAS STRANGE~


THE AIRFIELD MECHANIC DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HER PICTURE. SHE WORE SUNGLASSES ON A CLOUDY DAY~AND A BERET SHE DIDN'T OWN~

FULL GAS TANK RUNNING OUT IN TWENTY MINUTES~ AFTER A THOROUGH CHECK~
MEANING WHAT?
WILSON McCOY 2-17

MEANING SOMEONE COULD HAVE TAKEN HER PLACE IN THAT PLANE~
JUST A HUNCH~BUT I MUST FIND SCORPIA!

WHY DO YOU CALL THIS PLACE THE CENTER?
BECAUSE IT IS.

?
WILSON McCOY 2-18

YOU WERE CURIOUS ABOUT SCORPIA. YOU'RE ABOUT TO MEET OUR LEADER.

WELCOME, MISS PALMER. I TRUST YOUR FLIGHT WAS NOT UNPLEASANT. DINNER IS READY.
!

THIS IS THE CENTER OF SCORPIA~ WHERE YOU ARE NOW. I AM ALSO CALLED THE "CENTER"

I'M NOT HUNGRY! EXPLAIN WHY I WAS BROUGHT HERE! WHAT IS SCORPIA?
THIS IS SCORPIA. YOU SEE, WE EXTEND IN ALL DIRECTIONS, ALL OVER THE WORLD.
WILSON McCOY 2-19

SCORPIA WAS A 17TH CENTURY PIRATE BAND. WHAT IS IT NOW, MISTER?
NOT MISTER. BARON. BE SEATED. I'LL EXPLAIN.

SCORPIA WAS A 17TH CENTURY PIRATE BAND BUT IT STILL EXISTS! WE NO LONGER BOTHER WITH SEA PIRACY..

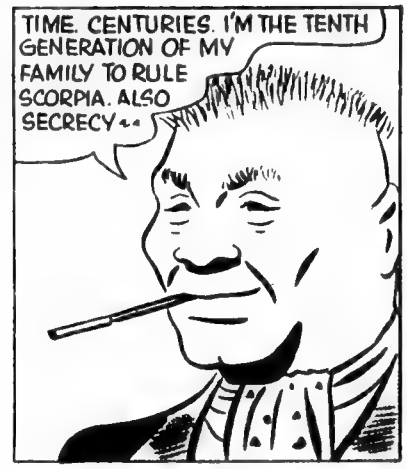
"OUR OPERATIONS ARE WORLD WIDE.. SMUGGLING. COUNTERFEITING."

"CASINOS, PROTECTION RACKETS, BANK AND JEWELRY ROBBERY.."
WILSON McCOY 2-20

.AND MUCH MORE. WHEREVER AN ILLEGAL DOLLAR IS TO BE MADE, SCORPIA MAKES IT.
!
TOMORROW: TIME

WE'RE THE HIDDEN POWER BEHIND CRIMINAL GROUPS IN A DOZEN NATIONS.
HOW DID SCORPIA GET SO.STRONG?

SCORPIA IS A WORLD-WIDE CRIME RING!
ONE WAY TO PUT IT. WE'RE UNKNOWN TO MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO 'WORK' FOR US.
WILSON McCOY 2-21


TIME. CENTURIES. I'M THE TENTH GENERATION OF MY FAMILY TO RULE SCORPIA. ALSO SECRECY..

WE HADN'T BEEN MENTIONED IN PRINT FOR 50 YEARS, UNTIL YOU WROTE A NIGHT SCHOOL TERM PAPER ABOUT US.
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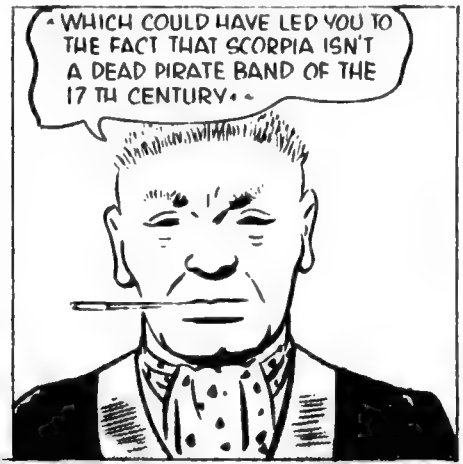
I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT YOUR MODERN CRIME RING. I THOUGHT SCORPIA WAS AN ANCIENT PIRATE BAND
YOU WERE DOING RESEARCH.


.WHICH COULD HAVE LED YOU TO THE FACT THAT SCORPIA ISN'T A DEAD PIRATE BAND OF THE 17 TH CENTURY..

IS THAT WHY YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?
ONE REASON. WE DISLIKE PEOPLE PRYING INTO SCORPIA. WE STOP THEM.
THE SECOND REASON. I SAW YOUR PICTURE.
WILSON McCOY 2-22

WE'VE NO REAL PROOF SCORPIA EXISTS OR PLOTTED AGAINST DIANA.
THE POLICE HAVE NO RECORD OF SCORPIA.

THE STOOLIES KNOW NOTHING~ YET IF SCORPIA TOOK DIANA, THEIR PLOT WAS PERFECT~ PLANE ACCIDENT AT SEA.

TOO PERFECT! THEY'D HAVE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT SHE PLANNED TO DO. AND WHEN~ YES! ONE MISSING LINK~ IF I FIND IT~

WILSON McCOY 2-24

SHHH
?

SHH
WILSON McCOY 2-25

???

EVERY ROOM IN YOUR HOUSE HAS A HIDDEN MICROPHONE. SCORPIA'S LISTENING IN!
!

WILSON McCOY 2-26
HIDDEN MIKE

SHH. TAPPED~

NO WIRING~ WE'RE SAFE! THEY PLANTED MICROPHONES IN EVERY ROOM~
THE DAY BEFORE DIANA DISAPPEARED~ A MAN CAME TO CHECK WIRING~

NOW WE KNOW! SCORPIA EXISTS! THEY TOOK DIANA~ NOW TO FIND THEM!
THEY~ TOOK HER~ OR DESTROYED HER~
TOMORROW: DIANA

YOU BROUGHT ME HERE~ BECAUSE OF MY PICTURE?
A LOVELY PICTURE~NOT AS LOVELY AS THE ORIGINAL, DIANA.
WILSON McCOY 2-27

THIS IS NONSENSE! MY MOTHER AND UNCLE THINK I'M DEAD AT SEA! I WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM AT ONCE!

I LIKE YOUR SPIRIT! BUT DIANA PALMER WAS LOST AT SEA. SHE'LL NEVER BE SEEN AGAIN.
ARE YOU GOING TO SHOOT ME?

NO, NO. A UNIQUE HONOR~A NEW LIFE! YOU ARE BEING PROMOTED~ FROM MISS PALMER TO QUEEN OF SCORPIA!

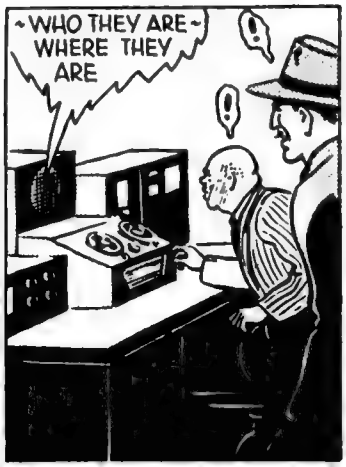
WILSON McCOY 2-28
ASK ME QUESTIONS.

ER~HOW WILL YOU FIND SCORPIA?
HIDDEN MIKE
I'VE SEVERAL LEADS TO SCORPIA WHICH I'LL TAKE TO THE POLICE TOMORROW.

LET'S LISTEN TO THE MONITOR TAPES~SEE WHAT THE PALMER HOUSEHOLD'S UP TO.

~LEADS TO SCORPIA~WHICH I'LL TAKE TO THE POLICE TOMORROW.

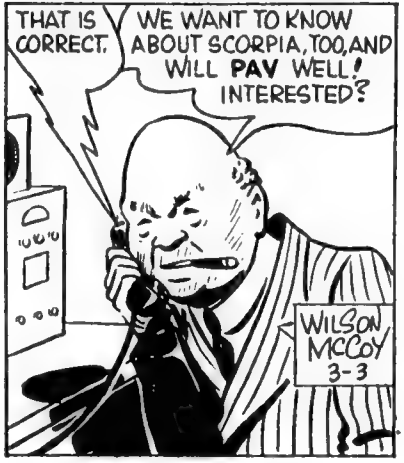
BUT, MR. WALKER, ARE YOU SURE SCORPIA EXISTS?
DEFINITELY. I KNOW WHO THEY ARE~ WHERE THEY ARE.
HIDDEN MIKE
WALKER, FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.


~WHO THEY ARE~ WHERE THEY ARE
!
!

THOSE MICROPHONES ARE ALIVE. THEY'RE LISTENING~OR MONITORING. THEY'LL DO SOMETHING~FAST~~

WILSON McCOY
RINNGGG

YES, THIS IS MR. WALKER*. WHO ARE YOU?
NEVER MIND. YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT SCORPIA?
*WALKER-FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS


THAT IS CORRECT.
WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT SCORPIA, TOO, AND WILL PAY WELL! INTERESTED?
WILSON McCOY 3-3

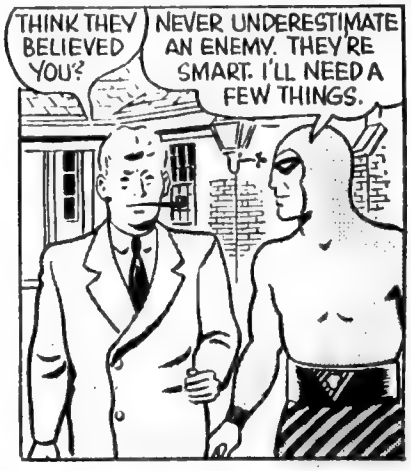
HOW MUCH?
NAME YOUR OWN PRICE.

LET'S MEET AND TALK IT OVER.
GOOD. MIDNIGHT-TONIGHT.

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT? WHERE?
STONE WALL BEHIND MUSEUM. SEE YOU THEN, MR WALKER. (CLICK)

WHO'S WALKER? WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?
THEY MUST'VE FOUND OUR MICROPHONES. TRYING TO TRAP US.

MUST THINK WE'RE IDIOTS TO FALL FOR THAT-WE'LL SEE HIM TONIGHT, ALL RIGHT!
WILSON McCOY 3-4

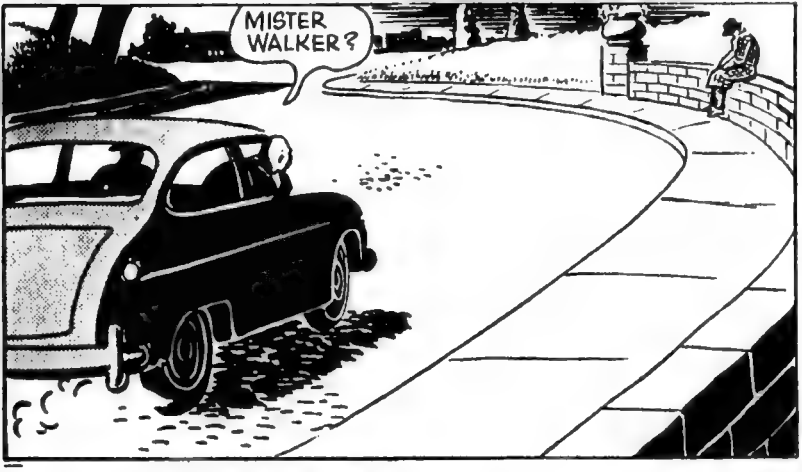

THINK THEY BELIEVED YOU?
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE AN ENEMY. THEY'RE SMART. I'LL NEED A FEW THINGS.

WALKER'S SOME FRIEND OF PALMER'S. FOUND THE MIKES-TRIED TO TRAP US-
SHOULDN'T WE RADIO THE CENTER?

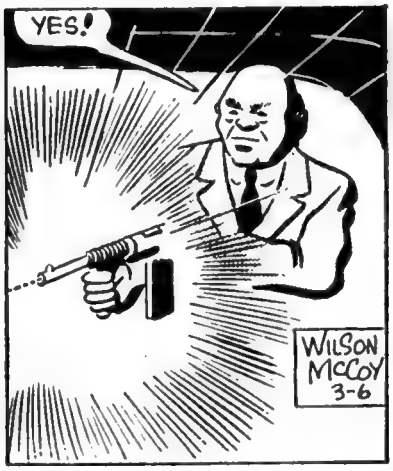
OUR ORDERS ARE CLEAR. STAMP OUT ALL MENTION OF SCORPIA-ANYWHERE! THAT'S OUR POLICY.

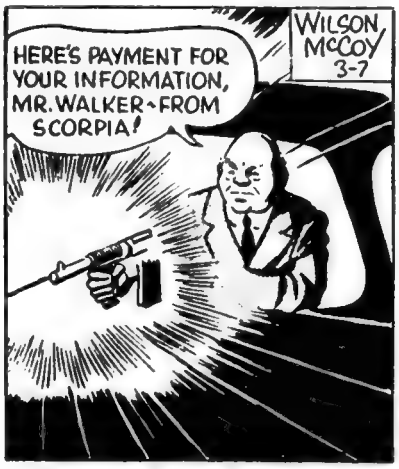
SECRECY! THIS HAS KEPT US STRONG FOR CENTURIES. LET'S GO-HE SHOULD BE THERE NOW-THIS MR. WALKER
WILSON McCOY 3-5

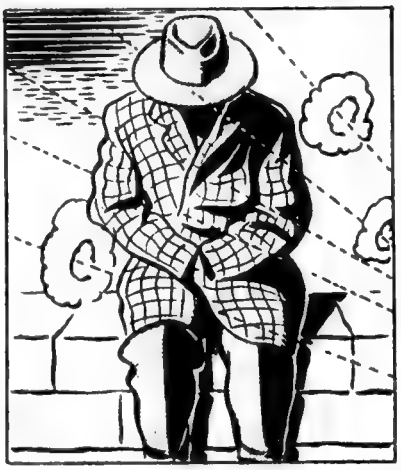
MIDNIGHT-BEHIND THE MUSEUM!
THERE HE IS.


MISTER WALKER?

ARE YOU SCORPIA?


YES!
WILSON McCOY 3-6


HERE'S PAYMENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MR. WALKER - FROM SCORPIA!
WILSON McCOY 3-7



EMPTY CLOTHES~
THERE WAS A GUY IN THEM. MISTER WALKER.

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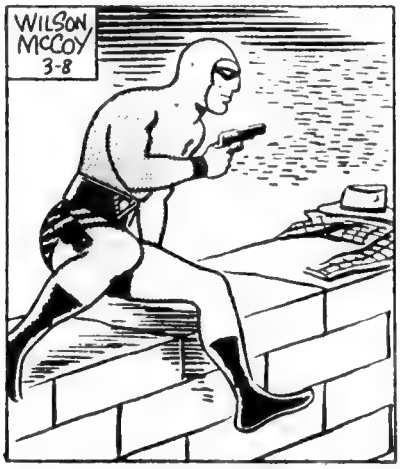
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I'M HERE FOR OUR APPOINTMENT-- SCORPIA!
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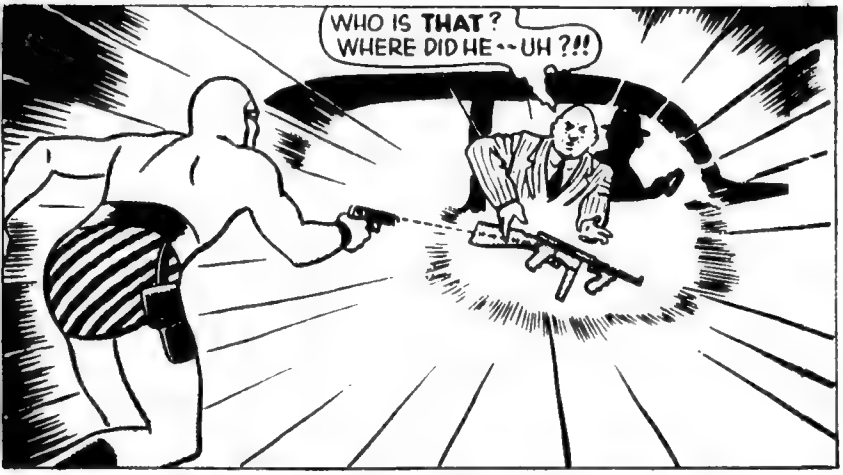
WHO IS THAT? WHERE DID HE--UH ?!!

DRIVE!

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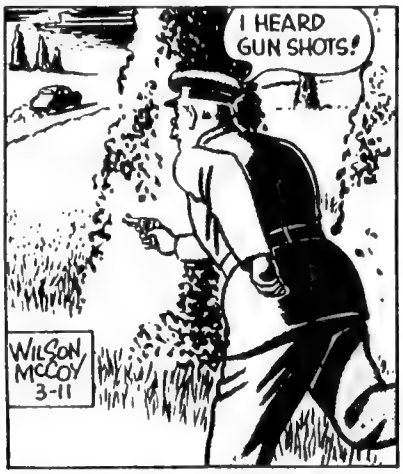
WILSON McCOY 3-10


I HEARD GUN SHOTS!
WILSON McCOY 3-11

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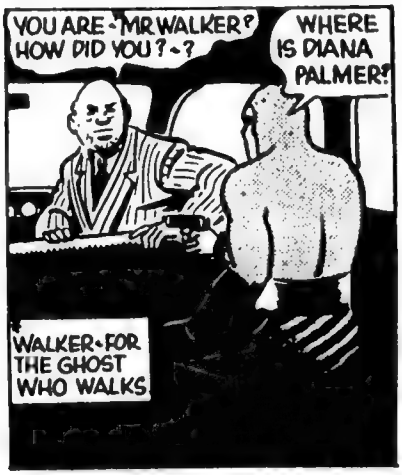
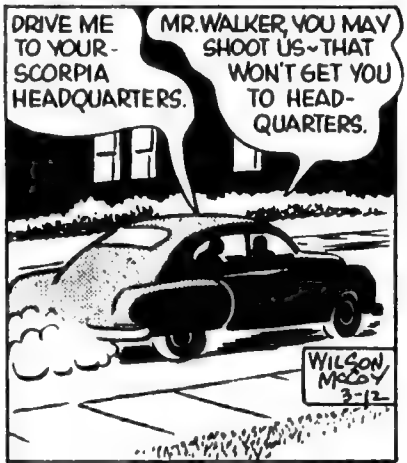
CLOTHES~WITH SOME BUSTED BALLOONS INSIDE! WHAT IS THIS?


YOU ARE~MR WALKER? HOW DID YOU?~?
WHERE IS DIANA PALMER?
WALKER~FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS

DIANA PALMER'S DEAD~
SHH~WE KNOW NO ONE BY THAT NAME.

UH~I MEAN~I READ ABOUT HER IN THE PAPERS~A FLYER~
YOU'RE BOTH LYING.


DRIVE ME TO YOUR-SCORPIA HEADQUARTERS.
MR. WALKER, YOU MAY SHOOT US~THAT WON'T GET YOU TO HEAD-QUARTERS.
WILSON McCOY 3-12

WE HAVE AN ANCIENT LAW IN SCORPIA. DIE BEFORE REVEALING OUR HIDING PLACE!
Y~YEAH!

SHOOTING US WON'T GET YOU TO OUR HIDE-OUT, MR. WALKER.
HMM~ KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE HISTORY OF YOUR SCORPIA?
MR. WALKER ISN'T MY NAME. IT'S SHORT FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS. MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?
WILSON McCOY 3-13

GHOST WHO WALKS~ PHANTOM~ LEGEND THAT HE FOUGHT SCORPIA~ CENTURIES AGO.
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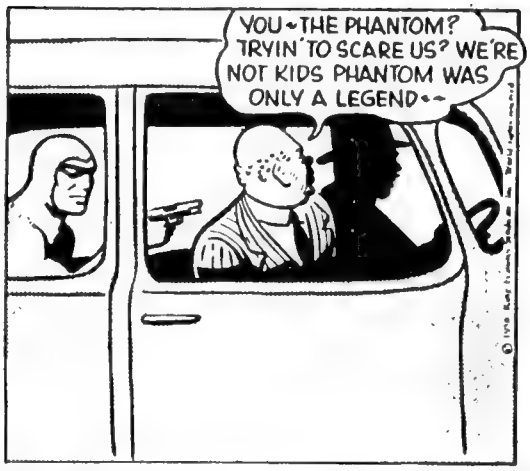
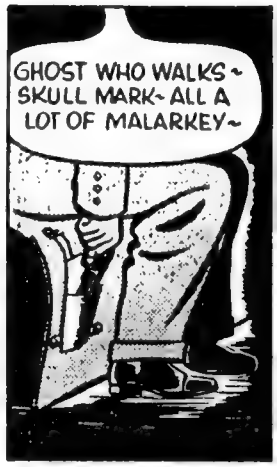
YOU TRYIN' TO TELL US YOU'RE THAT PHANTOM~ THAT SPOOK? GO ON~~!


YOU~ THE PHANTOM? TRYIN' TO SCARE US? WE'RE NOT KIDS PHANTOM WAS ONLY A LEGEND~~


GHOST WHO WALKS~ SKULL MARK~ ALL A LOT OF MALARKEY~

DROP~ THAT~ GUN!

SKULL MARK!
WILSON McCOY 3-14

YOU~ ARE THE PHANTOM~ SKULL MARK ON HIS JAW~
DRIVE ME TO YOUR HIDE-OUT.

LIKE HE SAID~ ANCIENT LAW OF SCORPIA~ DIE BEFORE REVEALING HIDE-OUT~

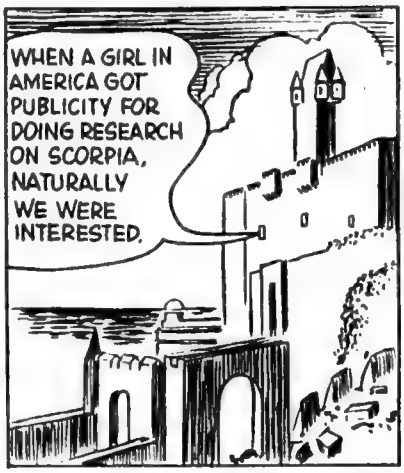
VERY WELL~ YOU SHALL OBEY THE ANCIENT LAW~~
?!!

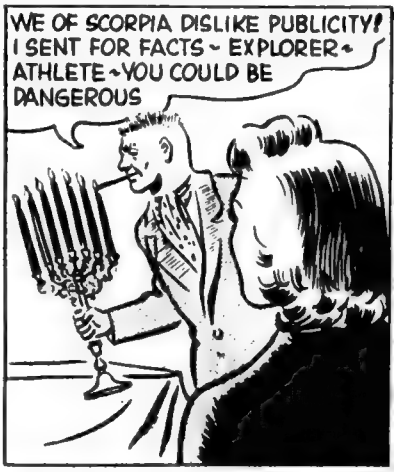
WAIT~ LAWS~ CAN BE BROKEN~ I'LL TAKE YOU THERE~
WILSON McCOY 3-15

THE HIDE-OUT OF SCORPIA!
WILSON McCOY 3-17

FOOL! WHY DID YOU BRING HIM HERE? YOU KNOW THE LAW OF SCORPIA!
LOOK AT YOURSELF!

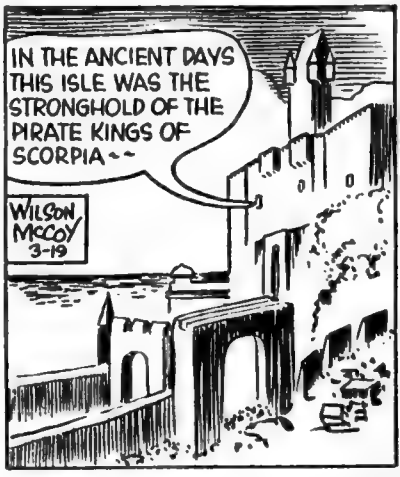
SIGN OF PHANTOM! YOU~ ARE~
WHERE IS DIANA PALMER?
TOMORROW: DIANA

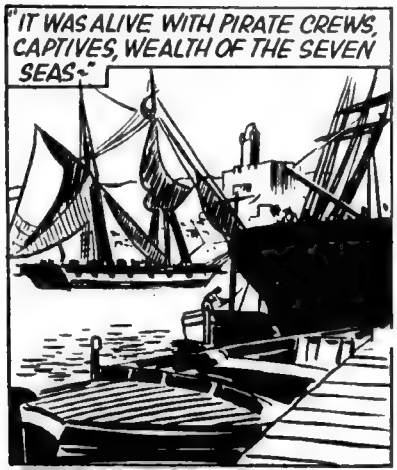

WHEN A GIRL IN AMERICA GOT PUBLICITY FOR DOING RESEARCH ON SCORPIA, NATURALLY WE WERE INTERESTED.


WE OF SCORPIA DISLIKE PUBLICITY! I SENT FOR FACTS~ EXPLORER~ ATHLETE~YOU COULD BE DANGEROUS

USUALLY A PERSON DANGEROUS TO SCORPIA QUIETLY DISAPPEARS~BUT I SAW YOUR PHOTOGRAPH~~

SCORPIA HAS ALWAYS HAD A QUEEN. I'VE CHOSEN~YOU, DIANA PALMER.
!?
WILSON McCOY 3-18


IN THE ANCIENT DAYS THIS ISLE WAS THE STRONGHOLD OF THE PIRATE KINGS OF SCORPIA~~
WILSON McCOY 3-19


"IT WAS ALIVE WITH PIRATE CREWS, CAPTIVES, WEALTH OF THE SEVEN SEAS~"

"THE KINGS OF SCORPIA OFTEN TOOK THEIR QUEENS FROM ROYAL HOUSES~THEY WERE MY ANCESTORS"

BUT TODAY~SCORPIA IS ONLY A GANG OF CROOKS~
I AM 'KING' OF SCORPIA

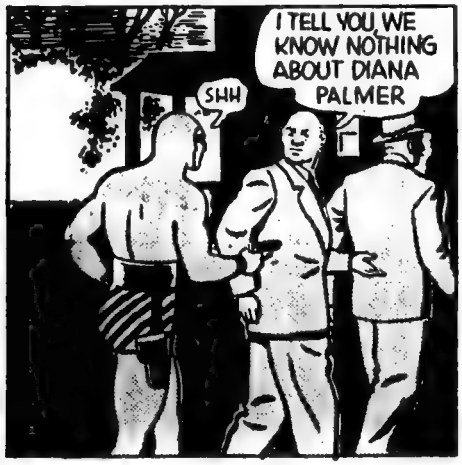
WILSON McCOY 3-20
YOU EXPECT ME TO MARRY YOU - TO BE 'QUEEN' OF YOUR BAND OF CROOKS?
THAT'S NOT A NICE WAY TO PUT IT.

IT'S THE TRUTH!
VERY WELL, THEN QUEEN OF MY GANG OF CROOKS - WORLD-WIDE SCORPIA.

MY ANSWER IS NO - NO - NO! SEND ME HOME.
MY ANSWER TO THAT MUST BE NO. - - I ADMIRE YOUR SPIRIT - -

THAT'S WHY I CHOSE YOU. I AM YOUNG - I AM PATIENT - I CAN WAIT - NO RUSH -

WILSON McCOY 3-21
- IF IT REALLY EXISTS - -
NOW LISTEN - BET YOU CAN'T TELL MY VOICE FROM DIANA PALMER'S.
- IF IT REALLY EXISTS.
GOOD, LIL!


SHH
I TELL YOU, WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT DIANA PALMER

I WANT TO FIND WHAT SCORPIA REALLY IS - -
DIANA'S VOICE?

I'M ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE -
I'M ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE. SOUND LIKE DIANA PALMER?
EXACTLY! YOU DID A GREAT JOB.

SUDDENLY THE DOOR OPENS AND THE THUGS TUMBLE INTO THE ROOM
WILSON McCOY 3-22

YES - A GREAT JOB, LIL!
!
?

..SEE YOU LATER, UNCLE DAVE
YOU - LOOKING FOR A MASQUERADE PARTY?
NO - FOR A MISSING LINK! YOU! YOU IMITATED DIANA'S VOICE ON THE PHONE - YOU TOOK HER PLACE IN THE PLANE -
WILSON McCOY 3-24

..AND LET IT FALL INTO THE SEA! NOW - WHERE IS DIANA?

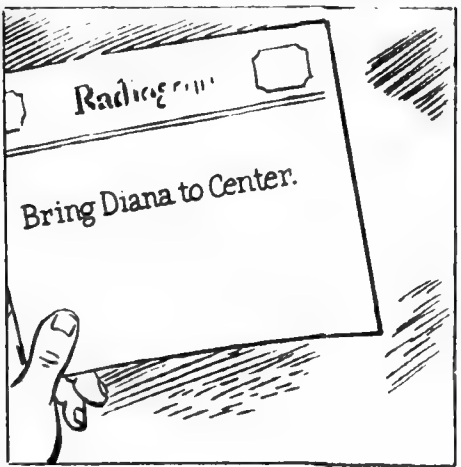
IF YOU'RE SO SMART AND KNOW ALL THOSE ANSWERS, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ONE TOO!

IF I KNEW WHERE SHE WAS - THINK I'D TELL - UH -
PERHAPS I CAN FIND WHERE DIANA IS, WITHOUT YOUR HELP -

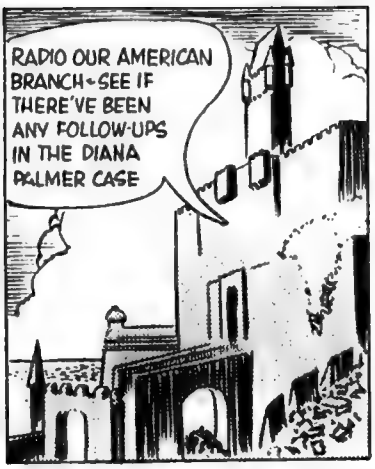
NOW, ALL SIT QUIETLY, OR SOMEONE'LL GET HURT - WHILE I SEARCH -
WILSON McCOY 3-25

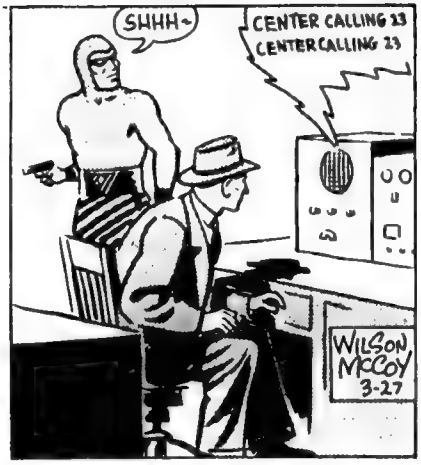
HE SHOT THE GUN OUTA MY HAND WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING AT ME!

WILSON McCOY 3-26
LIKE ALL EFFICIENT ORGANIZATIONS, SCORPIA KEEPS RECORDS. YES - RADIO MESSAGES!


Radio
Bring Diana to Center.

THAT, I GUESS, IS THE CENTER OF YOUR CRIME RING..
WE SPREAD OVER THE EARTH! YOU THINK YOU - ONE MAN - CAN FIGHT US?
HE IS NOT..A MAN - HE IS - GHOST WHO WALKS -


RADIO OUR AMERICAN BRANCH~SEE IF THERE'VE BEEN ANY FOLLOW-UPS IN THE DIANA PALMER CASE


SHHH~
CENTER CALLING 23 CENTER CALLING 23
WILSON McCOY 3-27

CENTER CALLING. ANYTHING HAPPEN IN PALMER CASE?
NO. ALL QUIET HERE. HOW IS SHE?

ALL RIGHT, I GUESS. I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOUR VOICE. WHO IS SPEAKING?
THIS IS THE GHOST WHO WALKS

WILSON McCOY 3-28
SILLY GIRL, IT IS AN HONOR TO MARRY THE HEREDITARY KING OF SCORPIA.
I'M FLATTERED- AND DECLINE.

THERE'S TIME~REMEMBER, THE WORLD THINKS YOU'RE DEAD~~ YOU CAN NEVER LEAVE HERE, DIANA PALMER.

WHAT AN IMPOSSIBLE, HOPELESS NIGHTMARE~

REACH THE AMERICAN BRANCH?
WHOEVER ANSWERED MUST BE DRUNK. ALL HE'D SAY WAS, "I AM THE GHOST WHO WALKS"

WHAT'S THIS?
I REACHED THE AMERICAN BRANCH~WHOEVER ANSWERED ASKED HOW DIANA PALMER WAS~

WHICH ONE OF OUR MEN WAS IT?
I DON'T KNOW, SIR. THAT'S ALL HE'D SAY~ 'THE GHOST WHO WALKS'~

MAYBE IT'S SOME SORT OF CURRENT AMERICAN JOKE OR SLANG~ I'LL ASK HER~

WILSON McCOY 3-29
DIANA~WHAT DOES 'THE GHOST WHO WALKS' MEAN?
CONTD.

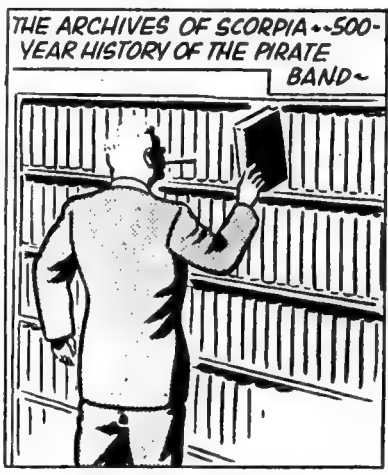
GHOST WHO WALKS! HE FOUND ME!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

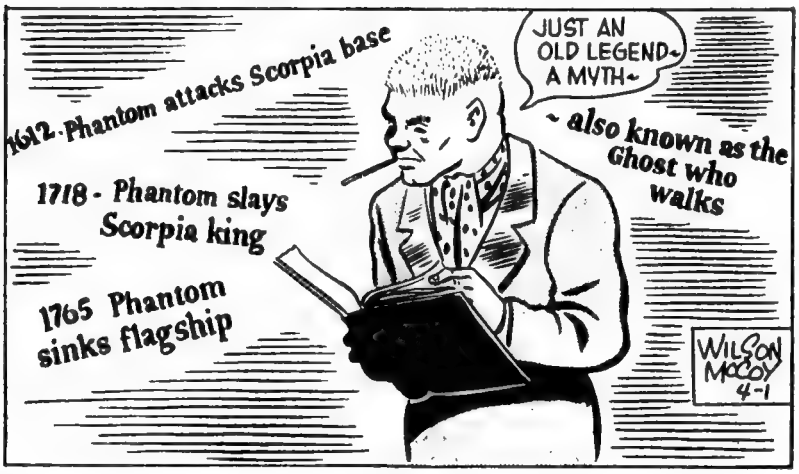
HE SAW THRU ALL YOUR LIES AND PLOTTING! HE KNOWS I'M ALIVE!
BARON, YOU'VE TOLD ME THE HISTORY OF SCORPIA~

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE PHANTOM?
WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH THE GHOST WHO WALKS?

THEY'RE ONE AND THE SAME. FIGURE THE REST OUT, YOURSELF!
?
WILSON McCOY 3-31
TOMORROW: THE ARCHIVES OF SCORPIA.

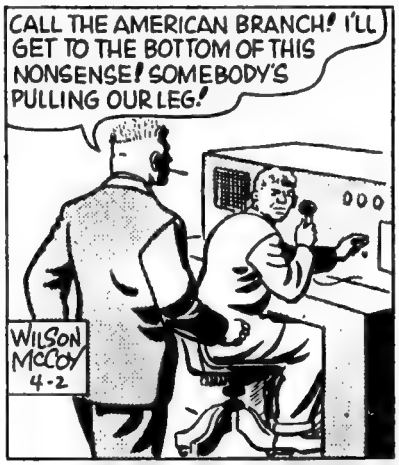
PHANTOM~SOUNDS FAMILIAR~HEARD IT FROM OLD-TIMERS~ OR WAS IT~IN THE ARCHIVES?


THE ARCHIVES OF SCORPIA~~500-YEAR HISTORY OF THE PIRATE BAND~

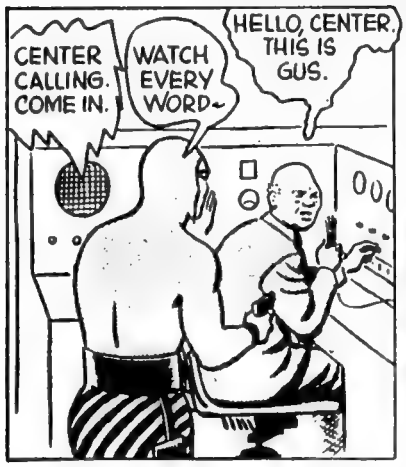

1612 - Phantom attacks Scorpia base
1718 - Phantom slays Scorpia king
1765 Phantom sinks flagship
JUST AN OLD LEGEND~ A MYTH~
~ also known as the Ghost who walks
WILSON McCOY 4-1

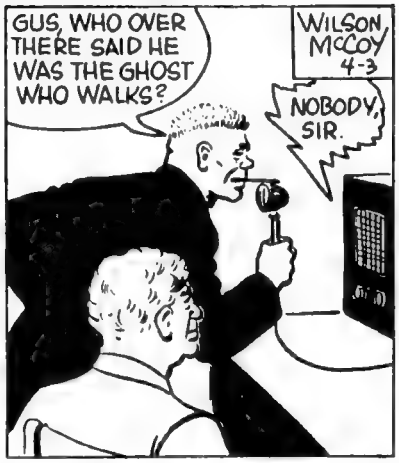
THAT MESSAGE CAME FROM HIM ~TO TELL ME HE KNOWS I'M ALIVE!
DIANA, WHO IS THE GHOST WHO WALKS?

I'LL TELL YOU NOTHING! ASK THAT BIG WORLD-WIDE ORGANIZATION OF YOURS!


CALL THE AMERICAN BRANCH! I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS NONSENSE! SOMEBODY'S PULLING OUR LEG!
WILSON McCOY 4-2

CENTER CALLING
CENTER CALLING
ANSWER THEM~


CENTER CALLING. COME IN.
WATCH EVERY WORD~
HELLO, CENTER. THIS IS GUS.


GUS, WHO OVER THERE SAID HE WAS THE GHOST WHO WALKS?
WILSON McCOY 4-3
NOBODY, SIR.

I'VE BEEN HERE ALL THE TIME. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, SIR.
SIGN OFF.

YOU'RE CERTAIN YOU~
SOMEONE SAID~"I AM THE GHOST WHO WALKS!" MAYBE~IT CAME OUT OF THE AIR~

WILSON McCOY 4-4
WE GOT YOUR CALL AND RUSHED RIGHT OVER! WHAT IS THIS?
THE LOCAL BRANCH OF SCORPIA!

WORLD-WIDE CRIME RING. I CAN'T GO INTO THE DETAILS NOW~YOU'LL FIND A LOT IN THERE~
?

MAIN THING IS~DIANA'S ALIVE! I MUST GO TO HER AT ONCE~THERE!
YOU'RE AMAZING!

KEEP THIS QUIET~ THE CENTER MUSTN'T SUSPECT WE KNOW ABOUT THEM~~

KEEP A MAN POSTED HERE WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES TO ANSWER RADIO CALLS~AS IF EVERYTHING WERE ALL RIGHT~
WILSON McCOY 4-5

NOW I NEED A PLANE~A BIG ONE~AT ONCE!

DAVE~WHO DID YOU SAY HE WAS?
IF I TOLD YOU, YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE ME.
CONT'D.

Phantom called Ghost who walks
sank two Scorpia ships -
Phantom exploded two powder magazines -

FOR CENTURIES ~ THE LEGEND OF A MAN FIGHTING SCORPIA ~ BUT IT WAS A LEGEND ~ IT WAS!
WILSON McCOY 4-7

MIKI ~
YES, EXCELLENCY.

YOU ARE THE OLDEST LIVING MEMBER OF SCORPIA. EVER HEARD OF ~ THE PHANTOM?
YES, SIR! GHOST WHO WALKS!

DID YOU EVER SEE THE PHANTOM?
NO. WHEN I WAS A BOY, MY GRANDFATHER TOLD ME OF WHEN HE WAS A BOY

"HE WAS A CABIN BOY ~ WHEN SCORPIA WAS SCORPIA ~"
WILSON McCOY 4-8

"ONE NIGHT ~ HE CAME ~ THE PHANTOM ~ THE GHOST WHO WALKS!"

YOUR GRANDFATHER SAW THE PHANTOM?
YES, SIR. THEN ALL WHO SAILED THE SEVEN SEAS KNEW OF HIM ~

"HE BLEW UP THE SHIP'S POWDER MAGAZINE ~ ~ 'TWAS SAID HE HATED PIRATES"

"THE DESTROYER OF PIRACY, THEY CALLED HIM."
WILSON McCOY 4-9

FOUR CENTURIES OLD, HE WAS THE MAN WHO CANNOT DIE ~ THE GHOST WHO WALKS! PHANTOM!

THAT WILL BE ALL, MIKI.
OLD FOOLS ~ WITH THEIR CHILDISH SUPERSTITIONS
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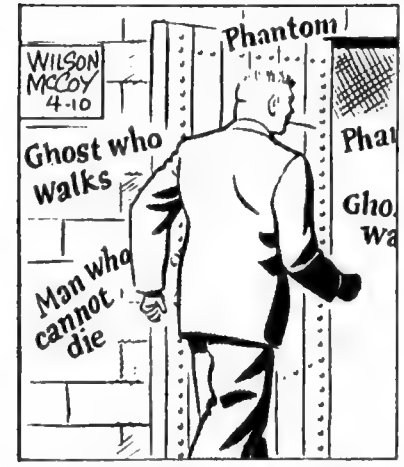
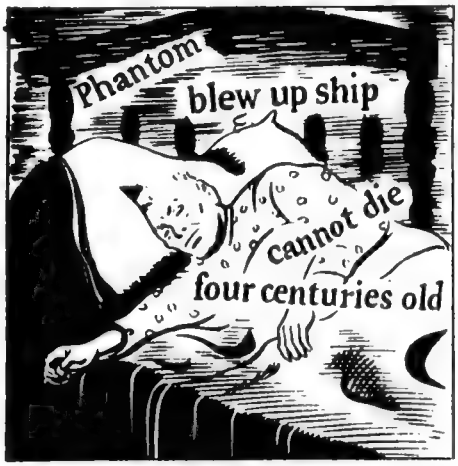

WILSON McCOY 4-10
Phantom
Ghost who walks
Man who cannot die

UH~ CONTACT AMERICAN BRANCH AGAIN~ SEE IF~ EVERYTHINGS ALL RIGHT THERE~
YES, SIR.

CENTER CALLING. EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT THERE?
NORMAL~ AS USUAL

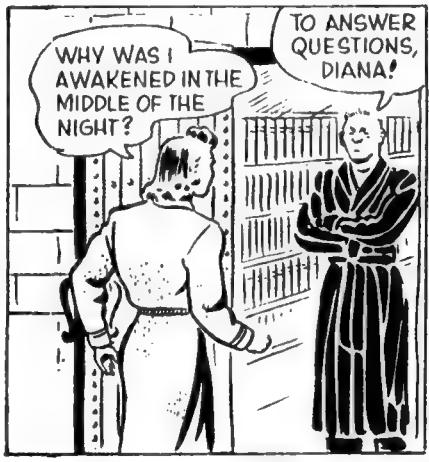
WE SHOULD REACH THAT ISLAND IN AN HOUR.
I'VE GOT TO ASK HIM WHY HE'S WEARING THAT OUTFIT~


Phantom
blew up ship
cannot die
four centuries old

WAKE UP MISS PALMER. ASK HER TO MEET ME IN THE LIBRARY AT ONCE!
YES, EXCELLENCY.

WILSON McCOY 4-11
THAT'S THE ISLAND~

BEFORE YOU JUMP~ MIND TELLING ME WHY YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE THAT, AND~~
SOME OTHER TIME.


WHY WAS I AWAKENED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, DIANA!

TELL ME ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PHANTOM!
I'VE NOTHING TO SAY!

WILSON McCOY 4-12
CONT'D

OPERATOR, I WANT TO RADIOTELEPHONE OVERSEAS~
WILSON McCOY 4-14

POLICE? IN OUR AMERICAN OFFICE? HOW DID THEY FIND US? WHAT? PHANTOM~~!

WILSON McCOY 4-15
POLICE~IN OUR AMERICAN BRANCH! MAKE NO MORE RADIO CONTACT WITH THEM!
!

I WANT DOUBLE GUARDS ON THIS ISLAND DAY AND NIGHT! SHOOT ANYTHING THAT MOVES.

OUTSIDE THE CASTLE OF SCORPIA

SCORPIA~WE ARE HERE! NOW~IF ONLY DIANA IS UNHARMED~

I'LL GET THIS PARACHUTE OUT OF SIGHT~~ THEN FIND DIANA~

WHAT'S THE CHIEF WORRIED ABOUT? WHO COULD GET HERE?
DON'T KNOW. HAVE A LOOK AT THE BEACH.

THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING DOWN THERE~ SO DARK TONIGHT~~

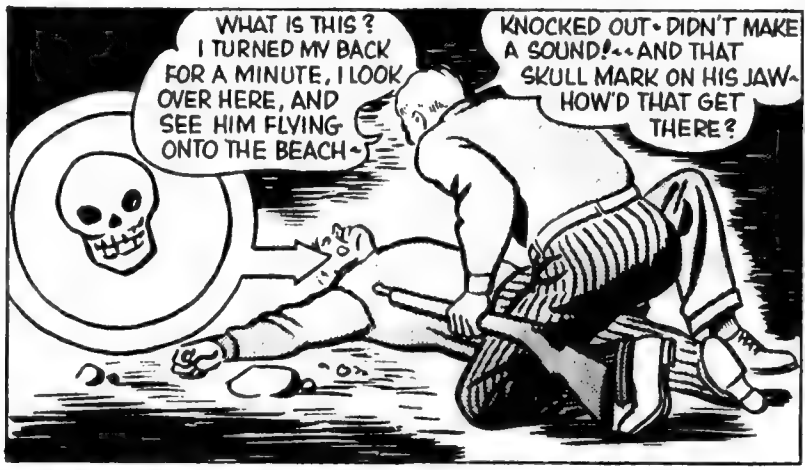
WILSON McCOY 4-16
?!

WILSON McCOY 4-17

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

HEY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? DID YOU FALL?
NO ANSWER~

HE'S OUT! DID HE FAINT? WHAT'S THAT ON HIS JAW~A SKULL MARK?


WHAT IS THIS? I TURNED MY BACK FOR A MINUTE, I LOOK OVER HERE, AND SEE HIM FLYING ONTO THE BEACH~
KNOCKED OUT~DIDN'T MAKE A SOUND!~~AND THAT SKULL MARK ON HIS JAW~HOW'D THAT GET THERE?

THE PHANTOM STRIKES, LIKE A THUNDERBOLT~
LIKE THIS!

~BUT MOVES SOFTER THAN A STALKING GREAT CAT"~OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
WILSON McCOY 4-18

THE PHANTOM~WHOEVER HE IS~LED THE POLICE TO OUR AMERICAN BRANCH!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH DOUBLE-TALK FROM YOU! WHO IS HE?

YOU~READ ABOUT HIM IN YOUR BOOKS~THE GHOST WHO WALKS~THE MAN WHO NEVER DIES~

SCORPIA HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN MAKING PEOPLE TALK! NO MORE NONSENSE, OR I'LL~~

EXCELLENCY~THE PHANTOM IS HERE!
!
?
WILSON McCOY 4-19
CONT'D

PHANTOM~HERE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MIKI?
!
COME~ON BEACH!

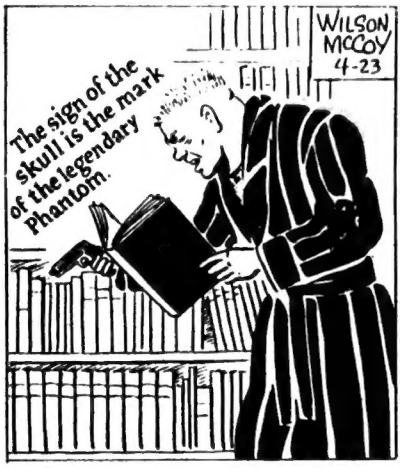
KEEP HER HERE~ YOU COME WITH ME!

SEE~THE SKULL MARK ON THEIR JAWS. THAT IS SIGN OF SKULL~MARK OF PHANTOM! I KNOW IT~ FROM THE OLDEN TIMES!

NONSENSE~(GULP) SHEER (GULP) NONSENSE!
WILSON McCOY 4-21

WE'RE SURROUNDED BY A THOUSAND MILES OF OCEAN! HOW COULD ANYONE GET HERE?
PHANTOM NEEDS NO BOAT~ CAN BE MANY PLACES AT ONCE~ SO THEY USED TO SAY! THAT IS HIS MARK!
WILSON McCOY 4-22

SEARCH EVERY INCH OF THIS ISLAND! WE'VE GOT A HUNDRED MEN! I WANT EVERY ONE OF THEM ARMED AND SEARCHING!


WILSON McCOY 4-23
The sign of the skull is the mark of the legendary Phantom.

GUARD EVERY DOOR~EVERY WINDOW~ON THE MOVE~ ALL OF YOU!

I'LL GET THE TRUTH~~

NO WINDOWS IN THIS ROOM! NOT EVEN A PHANTOM CAN GET IN NOW! WHO IS HE?

I AM HEREDITARY KING OF SCORPIA! PEOPLE OBEY MY COMMANDS OR DIE! TELL ME WHO THE PHANTOM IS-

-OR YOU WON'T LEAVE THIS ROOM ALIVE!
YOU'VE LOCKED YOURSELF IN A ROOM WITHOUT WINDOWS! AFRAID OF A PHANTOM?

SUCH A BRAVE PIRATE!
YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ANSWER ME, OR--

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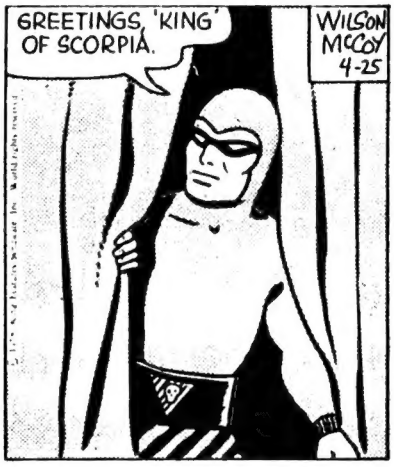
SKULL MARK!

HE'S BEEN IN THIS ROOM~

-UH--


GREETINGS, 'KING' OF SCORPIA.
WILSON McCOY 4-25

WILSON McCOY 4-26
YOU ARE THE PHANTOM-THE GHOST WHO WALKS-WHO FOUGHT MY ANCESTORS-WHO-

UH

HE FAINTED. I GUESS HE'S HAD A HARD NIGHT. DIANA, DARLING-
OH-AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!

WE'RE SURROUNDED BY A HUNDRED MEN WITH GUNS-
IT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER NOW~
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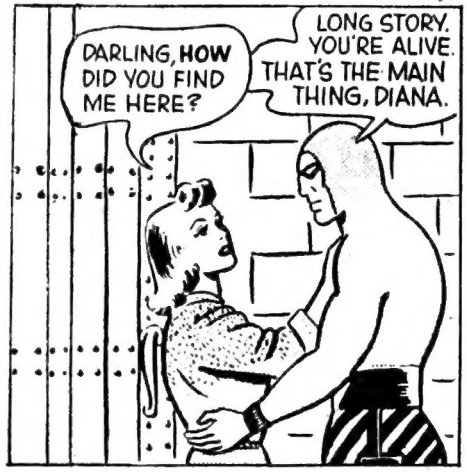
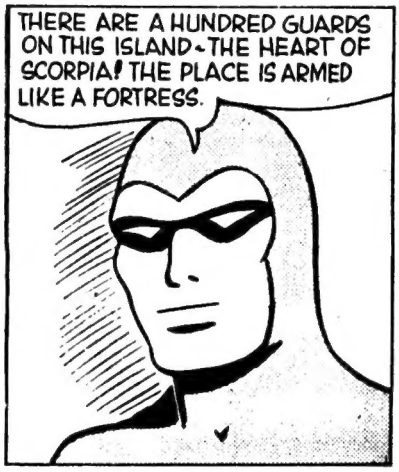

DARLING, HOW DID YOU FIND ME HERE?
LONG STORY. YOU'RE ALIVE. THAT'S THE MAIN THING, DIANA.


THERE ARE A HUNDRED GUARDS ON THIS ISLAND - THE HEART OF SCORPIA! THE PLACE IS ARMED LIKE A FORTRESS.

A DESTROYER WILL BE HERE AT DAWN - I MUST WORK FAST TO PREVENT BLOODSHED - HE'S STIRRING -
WILSON McCOY 4-28

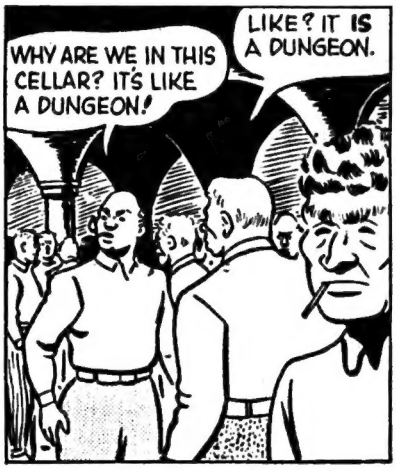
WAKE UP, BARON, THERE'S WORK TO DO.
UH - - - IT WASN'T A NIGHTMARE - YOU'RE STILL HERE

SIR, WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU. WE FOUND THIS PARACHUTE.
UH - CALL ALL THE MEN INTO THE CELLAR AT ONCE!
WILSON McCOY 4-29

IN THE CELLAR? EVERYBODY?
YOU HEARD ME! UH - ON THE DOUBLE! LEAVE ALL GUNS IN THE HALL!

WHAT'S HE WANT US IN THE CELLAR FOR?
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
IN SCORPIA, YOU NEVER ASK WHY. YOU DO IT.


WHY ARE WE IN THIS CELLAR? IT'S LIKE A DUNGEON!
LIKE? IT IS A DUNGEON.

THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM EXCEPT FOR THE TWO YOU HIT ON THE BEACH.
I HAD TO HIT HARD - THEY'LL RECOVER -

I CHECKED YOUR DUNGEON EARLIER - THIS IS THE ONLY WAY OUT.
YOU DIDN'T MISS A THING!
WILSON McCOY 4-30

IN DEALING WITH MURDEROUS RIFFRAFF LIKE YOU AND YOUR CRIMINAL THUGS, IT'S BEST NOT TO!

SCORPIA ISLAND - WE'VE ORDERS TO LAND THERE AND TAKE OVER WHEN A MESSAGE COMES -
RADIO CALLING, SIR.

ALL MEN HERE DISARMED - ISLAND UNDER CONTROL - LAND AS PLANNED - OVER -
WILSON McCOY 5-1

I'M PUZZLED BY THIS MISSION. SEEMS TO BE A WORLD-WIDE CRIME RING - H.Q. WAS VAGUE -
WHO DISARMED A HUNDRED CROOKS?

HAVE THE MARINES LANDED AHEAD OF US?
I'M NOT SURE. THIS WAS ALL HUSH-HUSH. WE'LL SOON KNOW.
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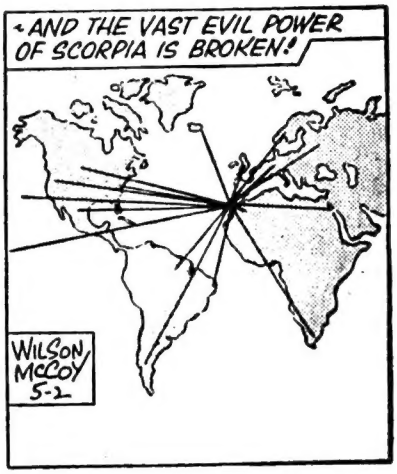
ON THE ISLE OF SCORPIA -
LINE UP, YOU GUYS.

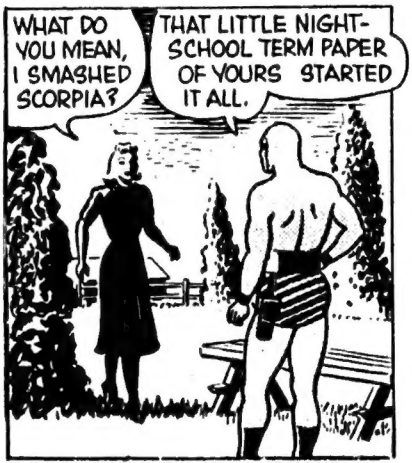
YOU DID ALL THIS ALONE? WHO - WHO ARE YOU?
TELL YOU LATER! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO AT THE RADIO.

THE WORD GOES OUT TO A DOZEN NATIONS -
CALLING PARIS
HONG-KONG
CALLING LONDON
ROME


- AND THE VAST EVIL POWER OF SCORPIA IS BROKEN!
WILSON McCOY 5-2

MAMA - UNCLE DAVE!
DIANA - IT WAS LIKE A BAD DREAM -
BUT IT'S ALL OVER!
WILSON McCOY 5-3

ISN'T HE INCREDIBLE - MARVELOUS - WONDERFUL?!
HE'S WAITING FOR YOU IN THE GARDEN. YES, HE IS.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN, I SMASHED SCORPIA?
THAT LITTLE NIGHT-SCHOOL TERM PAPER OF YOURS STARTED IT ALL.

NO MORE ABOUT SCORPIA! THERE'S A LOVELY MOON — OR HADN'T YOU NOTICED?
I WAS JUST COMING TO THAT -
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE